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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
2 TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009, BEGINS ON PAGE 87.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WILL CALL THE
7 MEETING TO ORDER, IF I COULD HAVE YOU PLEASE RISE? WE WILL BE
8 LED IN OUR INVOCATION TODAY BY PASTOR DWIGHT SULLIVAN FROM OF
9 THE WHITTIER EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THE CITY
10 OF WHITTIER AND A PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY NICK GUEST,
11 STATE COMMANDER OF VETERAN OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED
12 STATES OF AMERICA. PASTOR SULLIVAN.

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14 **PASTOR DWIGHT SULLIVAN:** LET US PRAY. DEAR LORD, WE HONOR YOU
15 AND THANK YOU THAT YOU ARE A GOD OF MERCY AND JUSTICE. LORD,
16 WE KNOW THAT LONG AGO IT WAS SAID "RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A
17 NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE." AND IT ALSO BEEN
18 STATED "WHEN JUSTICE IS DONE, IT IS A JOY TO THE RIGHTEOUS."
19 GIVE YOUR GUIDANCE, I PRAY TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES ON THEIR
21 SHOULDERS, WITH MANY ISSUES THAT COME BEFORE THEM. GIVE THEM
22 WISDOM WITH THE MANY VISIONS OF A BETTER LOS ANGELES GIVE THEM
23 PATIENCE AND DISCERNMENT WITH THE MANY PEOPLE WHO COME ACROSS
24 THEIR PATHS. GIVE THEM COMPASSION. IN ALL THEIR DELIBERATIONS,
25 GIVE THEM STRENGTH AND GIVE THEM YOUR HELP. LET THEM HAVE



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1 CLEAR THINKING A THIRST FOR EVENHANDEDNESS BOTH FOR RICH AND
2 POOR, BIG AND LITTLE, SPECIAL INTERESTS AND THE PUBLIC'S
3 INTEREST. GUIDE THEM TO SEEK NOT ONLY WHAT MIGHT BE EXPEDIENT
4 BUT WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT JUST WHAT IS POPULAR BUT WHAT WILL
5 ENDURE, NOT ONLY WHAT WORKS FOR OUR PRESENT CITIZENS, BUT WHAT
6 IS BEST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. GIVE THEM DISCERNMENT AND A
7 SENSE OF FAIRNESS. GRANT THEM GOOD HEALTH. PROTECT OUR
8 SUPERVISORS. HELP THEM AND HELP US ALL TO LOOK TO YOU FOR OUR
9 BEST HELP. LEAD THEM AND LEAD ALL OF US TO WALK IN YOUR PATHS
10 OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE. AND I PRAY ALL OF THIS
11 IN THE NAME OF GOD'S ONLY SON, AMEN.

12

13 **J. NICHOLS GUEST:** FACE THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY RENDERING THE
14 PROPER SALUTE. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
15 BEGIN. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS
20 PRESENTATION TO NICK GUEST, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF CHATSWORTH.
21 HE SERVED IN VIETNAM IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE WAS A STAFF
22 SERGEANT. RETIRED FROM HUGHES AIRCRAFT AND WAS A GRADUATE OF
23 MOUNT ZACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE. NICK, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.
24 HE'S THE STATE COMMANDER OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.
25 THANK YOU, NICK. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY HONOR THIS
5 MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PASTOR
6 DWIGHT SULLIVAN. HE IS FROM OUR WHITTIER EVANGELICAL UNITED
7 METHODIST CHURCH, WHICH INCLUDES PARISHIONERS FROM THE FIRST
8 AS WELL AS THE FOURTH DISTRICTS. PASTOR SULLIVAN OBTAINED HIS
9 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PHYSICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
10 WHERE HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. 11
11 YEARS AGO HE FOUNDED THE WHITTIER AREA PRAYER SUMMIT WHICH
12 BRINGS TOGETHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO
13 FOCUS ON THE ISSUES OF MUTUAL IMPORTANCE. PASTOR SULLIVAN'S
14 EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE SERVICE WITH THE
15 WHITTIER COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL AND ASSISTING IN
16 SPIRITUAL RETREATS AND FAMILY COUNSELING EFFORTS. WE THANK YOU
17 SO MUCH FOR LEADING US TODAY IN OUR INVOCATION, PASTOR
18 SULLIVAN. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE WILL DO THE
21 AGENDA.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATION
25 AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED



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1 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
2 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 26TH, 2009.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM S-2 THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
7 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 26TH,
8 2009 AT 2 P.M.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. I WOULD JUST ADD AT THIS
11 POINT, THOSE ARE TWO ITEMS THAT ARE CONTINUED. NEXT WEEK IS A
12 PLANNING MEETING. DO WE HAVE A LOT OF PUBLIC-- WE JUST NEED TO
13 LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE, I THINK.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE S-1, YES, WE WILL. THAT WAS
16 CONTINUED ONE WEEK YES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST SAID WE HAVE A LOT OF PUBLIC-- I
19 WAS TRYING TO SNEAK AROUND YOU, HUH? (LAUGHING.)

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
22 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

25 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
3 AUTHORITY ON ITEM 1-H, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE
4 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
9 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.
15 ON ITEM NO. 1, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
16 TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 13, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
21 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR.
7 ITEMS 14 THROUGH 54. ON ITEM NO. 19, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY
9 26TH, 2009.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 27, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 27 WILL BE HELD.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 28, THERE'S A REQUEST TO HOLD
19 THIS ITEM OF.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 28 WILL BE HELD.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 29, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 32, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
4 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 33, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
9 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 34, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
14 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 35, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 37, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
24 WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER
25 DEPARTMENT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 37 WILL BE REFERRED BACK?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. ON ITEM NO. 52, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
5 VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 53, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 2ND,
11 2009.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 55, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 26TH,
17 2009.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
22 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE



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1 CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WITH THE
2 ONE NO VOTE ON ITEM--

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 52.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON ITEM 52 FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA WITH
7 VOTING YES ON THE REMAINDER

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW ON PAGE 31, SEPARATE
10 MATTERS, ITEMS 56 THROUGH 58, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLES
11 IN FOR THE RECORD. MANY ON ITEM NO. 56, THIS IS THE TREASURER
12 AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION
13 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE EL MONTE UNION HIGH
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2008 ELECTION SERIES
15 A IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60 MILLION.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR
18 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 57, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND
21 TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
22 THE ISSUANCE AND SELL OF CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
23 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2004 ELECTION SERIES C IN AGGREGATE
24 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30 MILLION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
2 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 58 THIS, THE TREASURER AND TAX
5 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
6 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE 2009-2010 TAX AND REVENUE
7 ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
8 \$193,540,000.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 59 WE WILL HOLD
14 FOR A DISCUSSION.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
17 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
18 THE MEETING AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 60-A

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE
21 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 60-B. ON ITEM 60-A?

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MAY WE RECONSIDER?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 60-B, 30 DAYS?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ON 60-B
5 AS AMENDED TO SAY 30 DAYS VERSUS 60 DAYS. THE CHAIR WILL
6 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 60-C IS BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
11 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 60-D, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
14 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 60-E, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS FROM
19 THIS VOTE.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. 60-D'S REFERRED BACK. AND 60-E,
22 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
23 WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINING. MOTION CARRIES.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 60-F.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

3 SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 60-G.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY

8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 34, NOTICES OF CLOSED

11 SESSION. ON ITEM C.S.-2, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

12 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY

13 26TH, 2009.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

16

17 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** I WOULD ALSO REQUEST C.S.-1 GO OVER

18 TWO WEEKS?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** C.S.-1? WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM COUNTY

21 COUNSEL TO CONTINUE C.S.-1 TWO WEEKS. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.

22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION. C.S.-2

23 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING. AGENDA.
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
3 DISTRICT NO. 4.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT I'M GOING TO ASK DR. JENNIFER
6 SAYLES, MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS
7 AND POLICY. JOINING HER IS DANNY JENKINS THE CO CHAIR OF THE
8 HEPATITIS C TASKFORCE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND MIMI CHANG,
9 MEMBER OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLAND HEPATITIS B COALITION. IF
10 WE COULD HAVE SOME QUIET ON THE SIDES. TODAY WE ARE OBSERVING
11 WORLD HEPATITIS DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PROMOTE,
12 ENCOURAGE EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF THE VIRAL HEPATITIS
13 B AND C. THE RATES OF HEPATITIS B AND C ARE VERY HIGH
14 WORLDWIDE. ONE IN 12 PEOPLE LIVING WITH EITHER CHRONIC
15 HEPATITIS B OR C OR HEPATITIS C. THIS IS FAR HIGHER THAN THE
16 PREVALENCE OF H.I.V. OR ANY CANCER. WHILE THE MAJORITY OF
17 THESE ARE INFECTED ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR STATUS, HEPATITIS B
18 AND C CAUSES SERIOUS AND LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESSES LIKE LIVER
19 DISEASE, LIVER CANCER, CIRRHOSIS AND LIVER FAILURE. AN
20 ESTIMATED 130,000 PEOPLE ARE CHRONICALLY INFECTED WITH
21 HEPATITIS C RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO ON BEHALF OF
22 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT
23 THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT DAY AS
24 WELL AS TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK THAT OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DOES IN EDUCATING OUR RESIDENTS
2 ABOUT THESE VERY SERIOUS DISEASES. SO HERE WE GO. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **DR. JENNIFER SAYLES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR YOUR
5 SUPPORT IN RECOGNIZING WORLD HEPATITIS DAY IN LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY AND BRINGING AWARENESS TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.
7 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR
8 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AIM TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT VIRAL
9 HEPATITIS AND INCREASED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE RISK OF
10 TRANSMISSION, AVAILABLE VACCINES AND SCREENING OPPORTUNITIES.
11 IT'S IMPORTANT TO REALIZE VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE TO PREVENT
12 HEPATITIS A AND B INFECTION. AND THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK SHOULD
13 RECEIVE THESE VACCINES. NO VACCINES CURRENTLY EXIST TO PROTECT
14 INDIVIDUALS FOR HEPATITIS C. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO
15 EDUCATE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
16 PREVENTION. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHERE TO GET FREE VACCINES FOR
17 HEPATITIS A AND B, PLEASE VISIT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WEBSITE AT WWW.PUBLIC HEALTH.L.A.
19 COUNTY.GOV. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SHE READ THAT LIKE THE FEDEX COMMERCIAL.
22 THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. [LAUGHTER.] NEXT I'M GOING TO ASK
23 ALEX JAVIER TO JOIN ME UP HERE, ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY. AND I
24 BELIEVE OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IS HERE AS WELL AS DIEGO
25 CADINA. TODAY IT IS MY PLEASURE TO HONOR ALEX WHO HAS BEEN



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1 SELECTED AS A 2009 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE OF THE
2 YEAR. HE IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS A CONSTRUCTION-- YEAH.
3 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. SEE, I KNEW YOU BROUGHT YOUR FAMILY
4 ALONG TO START THAT APPLAUSE EARLY. OF COURSE, ANYWAY, HE
5 CURRENTLY SERVES AS A CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT IN THE
6 PUBLIC WORKS FLOOD MAINTENANCE DIVISION EAST AREA. HE HELPS
7 HIS FIELD STAFF PERFORM AND CONTROL THE FLOOD CONTROL WORK
8 MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY BY CONSISTENTLY IMPROVING
9 STANDARD DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES TO ACCOMPLISH THAT
10 GOAL. AND I THINK I SPEAK FOR ALL MY COLLEAGUES, WE APPRECIATE
11 THAT IN WORKING WITH OUR CITIES AND EVERYONE ELSE ALONG THE
12 PATH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO. HOWEVER, ALEX'S COMMITMENT
13 EXTENDS BEYOND THE DEPARTMENT. HE IS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN
14 THE WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC AND RESPONDS TO REQUESTS FROM
15 RESIDENTS OR THE BOARD MEMBERS WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF URGENCY
16 AND SINCERITY. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 2009 EMPLOYEE OF
17 THE YEAR IS A HARD WORKING, DEDICATED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENT
18 SERVICE. THERE IS NO QUESTION WHY ALEX WAS SELECTED FOR THIS
19 HIGH HONOR. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE BOARD, WE'RE PLEASE
20 TODAY PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO YOU, ALEX, AND TO THANK YOU FOR
21 YOUR SERVICE NOT ONLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUT TO
22 THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS.
23 [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DON'T TRUST US, IS THAT THE WAY IT
2 IS, GAIL? ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? HE'S A
3 LITTLE NERVOUS. LET'S GIVE HIM A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AS HE
4 COMES UP. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **ALEX JAVIER:** JUST LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT.
7 AND ALSO PUBLIC WORKS, ALL EMPLOYEES AT PUBLIC WORKS. PHEW.
8 AND ALL MY FAMILY. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **GAIL FARBER:** I JUST WANT TO THANK-- IT'S SUCH AN HONOR WITH
11 THE DEPARTMENT THE SIZE OF ABOUT 4,000 EMPLOYEES, HE'S
12 NOMINATED AMONGST HIS COLLEAGUES TO RECEIVE THIS ANNUAL
13 RECOGNITION. AND IT'S SUCH AN HONOR FOR ME TO STAND HERE AND
14 THANK HIM FOR ALL OF HIS HARD WORK. I JUST CAN'T SAY ENOUGH
15 ABOUT WHAT AN HONOR THIS IS TO BE RECOGNIZED BY YOUR
16 COLLEAGUES AND TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD AND JUST SAY
17 CONGRATULATIONS ON A VERY WELL-DESERVED HONOR. I CAN'T BE MORE
18 PROUD TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM. SO THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK OTTO SOLOZANO, CHIEF
21 DEPUTY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES TO JOIN ME.
22 THIS IS MEDIATION WEEK. THIS WEEK THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY FOR OVER 20 YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS FUNDED LOCAL DISPUTE
24 RESOLUTION PROGRAMS. THESE PROGRAMS WHICH UTILIZE SPECIALLY
25 TRAINED VOLUNTEERS ARE A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO



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1 OUR COURTS BY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR SETTling
2 DISPUTES OUTSIDE THE TRADITIONAL JUDGE AND JURY SYSTEM. THIS
3 PAST YEAR ALONE, NOW THESE PROGRAMS HAVE ASSISTED OVER 12,000
4 COUNTY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN RESOLVING
5 MORE THAN 6,000 DISPUTES. FIRST OF ALL, WE'D LIKE TO
6 ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE WHO RECEIVED THEIR SCROLLS UPSTAIRS FOR
7 THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE, INCLUDING MARCELLIS GREEN FOR
8 OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD. RAISE YOUR HAND RIGHT HERE.
9 [APPLAUSE.] MARCELLIS IS A VETERAN. HE'S 10 YEARS OLD. WE'RE
10 PROUD OF HIM. VERNON SMITH FOR OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER
11 AWARD. [APPLAUSE.] SHAWN GATLAND OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD.
12 [APPLAUSE.] AND UNABLE TO JOIN US WAS CYNTHIA PASTERNAK FOR
13 THE OUTSTANDING CASE AWARD. [APPLAUSE.] WE ALSO WANT TO TAKE A
14 MOMENT TO PRESENT A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO THE FAMILY
15 OF ESTHER SORIANO. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, SHE WAS A DISPUTE
16 RESOLUTION PROGRAM MANAGER, AND SHE PASSED AWAY THIS LAST
17 YEAR. SHE WAS TRULY THE HEART AND SOUL OF THIS PROGRAM. SHE IS
18 SORELY MISSED BY HER COUNTY FAMILY AND ALL THAT KNEW HER. WE
19 WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR ESTHER FOR HER
20 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION. [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN ALSO
21 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE
22 TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL IN HONOR COMMEMORATING THE MEDIATION
23 WEEK HERE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THANK ALL
24 OF THESE INVOLVED IN THIS VERY BENEFICIAL AND SUCCESSFUL
25 PROGRAM. AND WHILE IT JUST MAY APPEAR THAT WE'RE HANDING OUT



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1 SCROLLS AND THANKING THEM ON THIS VERY BRIEF MOMENT, I THINK
2 YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND REALIZE JUST WHAT THESE FOLKS DO ON
3 BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY, NOT ONLY TO SOLVE AND
4 DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS, BUT IT'S A MUCH EASIER WAY THAN JUDGE AND
5 JURY. AND IT'S ALL DONE WITH TRAINED VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE JUST
6 INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUALS. AND SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, THE BOARD
7 AND OUR 10 1/2 MILLION RESIDENTS, WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU.
8 [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN THERE'S A YOUNG LADY HERE WITH MY, MR.
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU KNOW HER? [LAUGHTER.] WOULD YOU-- I HAD
10 MY PICTURE TAKEN WITH HER THIS MORNING IN MY OFFICE?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'D BE GLAD TO RETURN THE FAVOR AT SOME
13 POINT, MR. CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU. I KNOW HER QUITE WELL. SHE HAS
14 EVERY REASON TO CELEBRATE. SHE JUST LAUNCHED A COUPLE OF BOYS
15 WHO GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE THIS WEEKEND, SO SHE'S A COLLEGE
16 GRADUATE ALL OVER AGAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN. SO WE GIVE HER A BIG
17 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS RECOGNIZE
20 OUR DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM. IT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST
21 PROGRAMS IN THE NATION. IT'S BY FAR THE BIGGEST ONE IN THE
22 STATE. WE HAVE OVER 2,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS
23 PROGRAM. WE HAVE MANY TYPES AND SIZES OF DISPUTES RESOLVED. I
24 WISH I HAD TIME REAL TO GO OVER EACH ONE OF THEM. DISPUTES
25 OFTEN INVOLVE SMALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS, BIG DOLLAR AMOUNTS. WHAT



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1 IS IMPORTANT IS THAT DISPUTES ARE RESOLVED. THERE ARE TIMES IN
2 WHICH WE'VE HEARD PEOPLE SAY THEY'LL NEVER AGREE TO ANYTHING.
3 BUT THEY DO. AND THE CASE IS RESOLVED. SO I WANT TO THANK EACH
4 ONE OF YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO THROUGHOUT THIS EFFORT AND THE
5 COUNTY AND RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
6 PROGRAM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **AVIS RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS FOR FUNDING THESE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
10 OF LOS ANGELES AND TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL
11 AWARDEES AGAIN. OUR 1,800 VOLUNTEERS AT THE CITY ATTORNEY'S
12 OFFICE WHO HAVE TRAINED OVER THE YEARS, OUR ENTHUSIASTIC
13 SUPPORTERS, THE SUPERIOR COURT PROGRAM, OF COURSE OUR YOUTH
14 AWARDEE, AS WELL. ALL OF THESE ARE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
15 OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD IN RESOLVING DISPUTES. SO THANK
16 YOU ALL AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST HERE. THIS
19 YOUNG MAN WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO THANK GOD, WHO IS TRULY HERE IN MY
22 LIFE. I WANT TO THANK MY MOM, DAD AND FAMILY FOR SUPPORTING ME
23 IN EVERYTHING I DO. I WANT TO THANK MY PRINCIPAL, MR. BARDER,
24 MY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MS. BROWN, AND MY TEACHER, MISS CASS,
25 IN HER ABSENCE. THEY HAVE HELPED AND GUIDED ME THROUGH THIS



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1 SCHOOL YEAR. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WANTED TO THANK THE
2 SENTINEL YOUTH SERVICES FOR SELECTING ME. IT HAS TAUGHT ME
3 LIFELONG LESSONS ABOUT HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS AND
4 SOLVE CONFLICTS WITH USING WORDS INSTEAD OF VIOLENCE. THANK
5 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE YOU GO.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT WORKS ALL DAY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND HE'S 10 YEARS OLD. HOW'S THAT?
12 FOURTH GRADE. WE ARE ON THE RIGHT WAY. YEAH. VERY GOOD.
13 ANYWAY, WE WANT TO THANK THEM. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
14 APPLAUSE. THANK ALL OF THEM. [APPLAUSE.] THE EDUCATION AND
15 LITERACY GROWTH OF OUR YOUTH AT JUVENILE HALLS, CAMPS AND
16 COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT TO EACH SUPERVISOR REPRESENTING THE
17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IN 1999, I INTRODUCED A MOTION WHICH
18 GAINED SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES TO CREATE THE
19 OPERATION READ PROGRAM WITHIN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THE
20 GOALS OF OPERATION READ ARE TO BUILD THE USE OF LITERACY
21 SKILLS, EMPHASIZING READING COMPREHENSION, WRITING, GRAMMAR
22 AND SPELLING. THIS YEAR OPERATION READ FOCUSED ON QUALITY
23 TUTORING AND HAS BEEN STRIVING TO INCREASE THE LITERACY LEVELS
24 OF THE YOUTH TO ONE FULL GRADE LEVEL WITH 40 HOURS OF
25 TUTORING. NEARLY 50 PERCENT OF THE PROGRAM SITES ARE ACHIEVING



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1 OR EXCEEDING THIS GOAL. SO I TELL EVERYONE: YOU CAN'T GET THE
2 MOST BASIC JOB, YOU CAN'T FLIP A HAMBURGER ANY PLACE UNLESS
3 YOU CAN READ TO FILL OUT A JOB APPLICATION. TODAY EACH OF OUR
4 DISTRICTS ARE REPRESENTED BY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
5 THAT PROVIDES TUTORING SERVICES TO PROBATION, AT-RISK AND OUR
6 FOSTER YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY. THEY'RE EACH BEING RECOGNIZED
7 FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH AND PROVIDE TUTORING
8 SERVICES TO IMPROVE THEIR LITERACY SKILLS. WE HAD THE
9 OPPORTUNITY UPSTAIRS TO HONOR THE VARIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY
10 EITHER VOLUNTEERED, IMPROVED THEIR LITERACY EFFORTS, HAVE DONE
11 A DIFFERENT THING. I'D ASK FOR YOU TO GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
12 APPLAUSE. WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE OUT THERE. WHERE ARE THEY?
13 OUT THERE, OKAY. [LOUD CHEERS AND APPLAUSE.] THEY'RE RIGHT
14 OVER HERE. ALL RIGHT. RIGHT OVER HERE IN THE CORNER. THANK
15 YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. AND NOW IT'S OUR PRIVILEGE TO RECOGNIZE
16 THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS THAT DO SUCH A PHENOMENAL
17 JOB ON BEHALF OF THIS BOARD BUT ALSO MORE IMPORTANTLY ON
18 BEHALF OF THE KIDS THAT THEY SERVE, SO FROM THE CHINATOWN
19 SERVICE CENTER, VICKI WONG. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. FROM PEOPLE
20 WHO CARE, KIANA BUTLER. [APPLAUSE.] FROM NEW DIRECTIONS FOR
21 YOUTH, STACEY COHEN. [APPLAUSE.] FROM LONG BEACH B.L.A.S.T.,
22 RAY THOMPSON. [APPLAUSE.] FROM THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER, LYNN
23 LEE. [APPLAUSE.] ALSO, WE WANT TO THANK THESE ORGANIZATIONS AS
24 WE MENTIONED EARLIER. THEY REALLY DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB ON OUR
25 BEHALF. AS AN OPERATION READ FIELD COORDINATOR AND PROGRAM



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1 LIAISON, MARIA INOSTROS HAS EXEMPLIFIED A STEADFAST COMMITMENT
2 TO THIS GREAT PROGRAM AND PARTICULARLY TO IMPROVING THE
3 STUDENTS' LITERACY SKILLS AS A MEANS TO GAIN ACADEMIC SUCCESS
4 AS WELL AS CAREER SUCCESS. IN ADDITION, SHE INSPIRES THE YOUTH
5 TO DO THEIR BEST AND TO WORK HARD TO LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE
6 EFFECTIVELY THROUGH READING AND WRITING. SO WE'RE GOING TO
7 PRESENT A SCROLL TO MARIA. [APPLAUSE.] AS I MENTIONED, WE HAD
8 A RECEPTION EARLIER AND HONORED THE KIDS. WE JUST THANKED THEM
9 OVER THERE FOR THAT. I BELIEVE CHIEF TAYLOR YOU'RE HERE? I'M
10 GOING TO ASK CHIEF TAYLOR TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.

11
12 **CHIEF TAYLOR:** WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS THANK THE BOARD, AND
13 PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR HIS VISION AND LEADERSHIP
14 AND HELPING ESTABLISH OPERATION READ. WHILE A LOT OF PEOPLE
15 MAY THINK THAT FUNDAMENTALLY READING IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD
16 BE TAUGHT AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL, IT'S A SAD TRUTH THAT A LOT
17 OF MINORS REALLY NEED SOME ADDITIONAL HELP BEYOND THE SCHOOL
18 LEVEL AND BEYOND THEIR HOME. AND THAT'S WHERE OPERATION READ
19 COMES INTO PLAY. AT OUR JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS, MOST OF THE
20 CHILDREN THAT ARE THERE HAVE A READING LEVEL, AND THESE ARE
21 16-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN, HAVE A READING LEVEL AT ABOUT THE FOURTH
22 GRADE. WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO WHILE THEY'RE IN CAMP IS RAISE
23 THEIR READING LEVEL OF AT LEAST 57 PERCENT OF THESE KIDS BY
24 ONE FULL YEAR. THAT'S QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT. BUT THE REAL
25 CRITICAL PART IS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE COULDN'T DO THIS IN



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1 THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE AND THE HELP, THE
2 DEVOTION, THE CARING OF THESE VOLUNTEERS. SO I WANT TO THANK
3 THE VOLUNTEERS. AND ANY OF YOU WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN
4 VOLUNTEERING FOR OPERATION READ, COME ON DOWN AND JOIN US.
5 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK GAIL MCFARLAND SOSA
8 TO JOIN US.

9

10 **GAIL MCFARLAND SOSA:** THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR TO BE PRESENTED
11 BEFORE THE BOARD. WE HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL THAT WE WANTED TO
12 DO FOR EACH OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO WE HAD THE YOUTH
13 PART OF THEIR THING IS TO READ EVERY DAY AND WE HAVE THEM TO
14 WRITE. I SAID WRITE US A POEM OR A STORY. AND WE CHOSE THE
15 BEST FROM AMONG THOSE. AND SO WE HAVE FOR EACH SUPERVISOR ONE
16 FROM EACH OF THEIR DISTRICTS THE STORIES THAT WON. AND WE HAVE
17 JOSHUA HERE TO TELL US WHAT WAS DONE WITH B.L.A.S.T. AND
18 DISTRICT 4. AND HE'S GOING TO READ IT FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **JOSHUA KELSER:** HI. I'M JOSHUA KELSER. B.L.A.S.T. HAS HELPED ME
22 OUT A LOT WITH MY READING SKILLS, ALSO HELPED ME OUT WITH
23 C.A.S.I. IF IT WASN'T FOR B.L.A.S.T., I WOULDN'T BE WRITING
24 MORE POEMS, MORE SONGS. I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT MY POEM. HERE
25 IT GOES. I'M A BOOK. I HAVE PICTURES, WORDS AND SOUNDS. I SHOW



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1 IMAGES THROUGH MY WORDS. PEOPLE READ ME ALL THE TIME. LITTLE
2 KIDS, BIG KIDS, OLD KIDS NO MATTER WHAT. I'M ALWAYS THERE. I'M
3 ALWAYS GOING TO BE THERE. IN YOUR HOMES, SCHOOLS AND
4 LIBRARIES, SOMETIMES I GET SAD, MAD, ALL THE ABOVE. I'M A
5 BOOK. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ONE MORE ROUND OF APPLAUSE: OPERATION
8 READ. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO ANNOUNCE A
11 RETIREMENT. AFTER 27 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PERFECTO MARTY TOBIAS, ALONG WITH
13 MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND GAIL FARBER, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF
14 PUBLIC WORKS. MARTY GRADUATED FROM MAPUI INSTITUTE OF
15 TECHNOLOGY IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES WITH DEGREES OF SCIENCE AND
16 SANITARY ENGINEERING BACK IN 1964. HE CAME TO THE UNITED
17 STATES IN 1973. AFTER A SHORT-TERM OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE
18 BETHLEHEM STEEL IN THE CITY OF VERNON, HE BECAME EMPLOYED WITH
19 THE COUNTY'S FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AS A CONSTRUCTION
20 INSPECTOR. WITH THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 13, HE THEN WENT
21 WITH-- WORKED WITH RALPH PARSONS ENGINEERING COMPANY IN
22 PASADENA AND FLOOR ENGINEERS IN IRVINE, CALIFORNIA. HE
23 RETURNED TO PUBLIC WORKS IN 1985 AS A CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR
24 AND THEN TRANSITIONED TO A CIVIL ENGINEER 1 AND FINALLY AS
25 ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER. PERFECTO ALSO PLANS TO RETIRE FROM



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1 HIS POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FILIPINO
2 AMERICAN EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION, A POSITION HE HAS HELD FOR
3 MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS. HE'S A MEMBER OF BOARD OF ADVISORS FOR
4 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAPUI ALUMNI WHERE HE SERVED AS
5 PRESIDENT FROM 1985 TO 1986. HE'S ACTIVE WITH THE PROVINCE
6 ASSOCIATION AND AN ADVISER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SAN EL
7 DEFENSO BUDOKAN ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AND THE BOARD MEMBER
8 OF PHILIPPINE CULTURAL CENTER OF AMERICA IN ORANGE COUNTY. HE
9 WILL STAY BUSY WORKING FULL-TIME FOR THE GLOBAL FILIPINO
10 FOUNDATION INCORPORATED, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION
11 WHICH HELPS NEW IMMIGRANTS OVERSEAS AND INDIGENT FILIPINOS IN
12 THE PHILIPPINES. HE'LL ALSO WORK PART-TIME AS A BROKER AND
13 PRESIDENT, MYRAD'S FUNDING CORPORATION IN LONG BEACH AS A
14 BROKER-PARTNER OF GRAND WESTERN REALTY IN IRVINE, AND OWNER-
15 PARTNER OF BEL AIR HOME IMPROVEMENT, A GENERAL BUILDING
16 CONTRACTOR. HE'S MARRIED TO LETICIA. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN.
17 ONE IS A PROGRAM MANAGER WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE. ANOTHER IS
18 A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER CONSULTANT. AND A THIRD IS AN
19 ACCOUNTANT. ARE THEY KEEPING TRACK OF ALL YOUR BOOKS ALL THESE
20 ACTIVITIES? SO, MARTY, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR GOOD
21 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **PERFECTO MARTY TOBIAS:** GOOD MORNING. I THANK THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS FOR GIVING ME THIS HONOR. I THANK THE DEPARTMENT
25 OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR GIVING ME A CHANCE TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS



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1 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
2 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CO-
3 SPONSORING OUR ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CELEBRATION TOMORROW.
4 AND THE 111TH PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JUNE 11TH, 2009.
5 WE ASK YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION BEGINNING 9:00
6 O'CLOCK ON BOTH OCCASIONS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **GAIL FARBER:** I HAVE SO MUCH TO SAY ABOUT SUCH A WONDERFUL
9 PERSON AND WONDERFUL CAREER. JUST ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC WORKS,
10 WE WISH CONGRATULATIONS ON A HAPPY AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT. AND
11 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE WITH L.A.
12 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE KOBE, WHO IS A 7-WEEK OLD
15 CHIHUAHUA MIX. HE'S READY FOR THE N.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIP. LITTLE
16 KOBE WITHOUT TATTOOS. AND HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. HE'S JUST
17 GOT A LITTLE CHIP IN HIM, THAT'S ALL. SO IT'S 562-728-4644 AND
18 LITTLE KOBE CAN BE YOURS WITH HIS LITTLE BLUE-- SHOULD HAVE A
19 LAKER OUTFIT ON INSTEAD OF THIS TURQUOISE. HE'S GOT A LITTLE
20 DRAGON ON THE BACK. A LITTLE DRAGON. ANYBODY YOU LIKE? DO YOU
21 WANT TO GO WITH MARK? MARK WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT YOU. HE WOULD
22 LIKE TO GIVE HIS SONS A GRADUATION PRESENT. [LAUGHTER.] OKAY.
23 WE'LL SEE YOU, OKAY, PUPPY? OKAY. YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD DOG.
24 PHOTOGENIC.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS? DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?
3 ALL RIGHT THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE REMINDER. LET ME BEGIN
4 WITH SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
5 MEMORY OF SHAROLD AXTON A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH WHO
6 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 96. HE WORKED FOR MCDONNELL
7 DOUGLASS FOR 34 YEARS. HE LOVED MUSIC. PLAYED THE BANJO,
8 MANDOLIN AND SAXOPHONE. HE WAS DEVOTED TO HIS CHURCH AND
9 ENJOYED MEETING, HELPING PEOPLE. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS
10 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 73 YEARS,
11 BEULAH, SISTERS DOROTHY AND GAYELYNN, DAUGHTERS CAROLYN AND
12 BARBARA, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, 12 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE
13 GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
14 LONG-TIME FRIEND, CLARA CNOSSEN OF ARTESIA WHO PASSED AWAY
15 RECENTLY, AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WAS BORN IN HOLLAND, MICHIGAN
16 AND MOVED TO ARTESIA IN 1938. SHE MARRIED SAM CNOSSEN, A DAIRY
17 GRAIN SALESMAN FOR COAST GRAIN, AND THEY RAISED THREE
18 CHILDREN. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL HOMEMAKER AND HAD SPECIAL TALENT
19 FOR SEWING AND MUSIC. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN.
20 RICHARD, SHARON AND CLARA, TEN GRANDCHILDREN, 22 GREAT
21 GRANDCHILDREN AND HER SISTER FRANCIS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
22 MEMORY OF RENSEY DURHAM, A RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD, SURVIVED BY
23 SONS RONALD, FRANK, DICK, DAUGHTERS LINDA, DEE DEE, PAM, STAR
24 LA, TAMA AND HELEN, MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT
25 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE ROMNEY FAMILY



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1 OF NORWALK, MAYNARDO AND LUCILLA ROMEO OF NORWALK, ALONG WITH
2 SON PATRICK, A SENIOR OF ST. JOHN BOSCO, WHO WERE TRAGICALLY
3 KILLED IN A CAR ACCIDENT LAST WEEK. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
4 ARE WITH SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. I WOULD MOVE
5 THAT, SO ORDERED. I'M TRYING TO ACCESS THE HELD ITEMS. OKAY.
6 I'M GOING TO CALL UP MULDREW BALENCIAGA, YOU HELD ITEM 1-H,
7 13, 1, 28, 29 AND 32 AND I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SPEAK TO THOSE
8 ITEMS, PLEASE. OKAY. GO AHEAD. YOU SIGNED UP FOR 1-H, 28, 29,
9 32 AND 34. SO IF YOU WILL ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES, PLEASE.

10

11 **MULDREW BALENCIAGA:** YES, I'M SORRY MR. KNABE BECAUSE I'M
12 GETTING ALL THE PAPERWORK TOGETHER NOW. I'M SORRY. I NEED A
13 MINUTE. I NEED A LITTLE BIT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

16

17 **MULDREW BALENCIAGA:** IF YOU CAN PUT ME ON HOLD. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD ASK, THEN-- YES. SUPERVISOR
20 MOLINA. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. I ASK
24 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. I
25 BEGIN WITH WESLEY R. BUFORD, CO-CREATOR OF EMMY-WINNING



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1 TELEVISION TALK SHOW "MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW" WHO PASSED ON MAY
2 THE 8TH AT THE AGE OF 60. PASSIONATE BUSINESSMAN AND
3 ENTREPRENEUR AT HEART. HE HAD AN ABUNDANCE OF EXPERTISE IN
4 FINANCIAL SERVICES, CONSUMER PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT,
5 MANUFACTURING AND ADVERTISING IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL
6 MARKETS. HE WAS ACTIVE IN LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL CIVIC
7 AFFAIRS. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST BOARD MEMBERS OF THE
8 OPERATION HOPE BANKING CENTER HERE IN LOS ANGELES. IN
9 ADDITION, HE WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME
10 BUILDING PROGRAM AND FEED THE CHILDREN WORLDWIDE OUTREACH. HE
11 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS MOTHER VELASTA, HIS DAUGHTER
12 KYSHANNA, HIS GRANDSON JOHN WESLEY AND HIS SISTER GWEN ALONG
13 WITH A HOST OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. GRACE JUNIOUS TATE,
14 MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, A LONG TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 RESIDENT WHO RECENTLY PASSED AT THE AGE OF 97. SHE WAS A
16 MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. SINCE 1978 SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE
17 BOARD SINCE 1987. SHE WAS AWARDED THE WOMEN IN N.A.A.C.P.
18 W.I.N. AWARD IN 1992. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE SOUTHERN POVERTY
19 LAW CENTER AND RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR HER OUTSTANDING
20 SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL JUSTICE. SHE
21 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
22 ROSE FREYEE, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, LONG-TIME FLORENCE-
23 FIRESTONE COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 12TH AT THE
24 AGE OF 90. SHE WAS A DEVOTED AND COMMITTED MEMBER OF THE
25 FLORENCE FIRESTONE SENIOR CENTER. SHE REGISTERED OLDER ADULTS



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1 FOR THE HOT MEALS PROGRAM FOR OVER 20 YEARS. SHE ALSO LEAVES
2 MANY ADORING MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.
3 FINALLY, ROSE ROSS, AGAIN A LONG-TERM FLORENCE FIRESTONE
4 COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE 15TH OF MAY AT THE AGE
5 OF 76. SHE VOLUNTEERED AT THE FLORENCE FIRESTONE SENIOR CENTER
6 FOR OVER 15 YEARS. SHE COORDINATED THE CENTER'S BINGO GAMES
7 AND TURNAROUND TRIPS TO LAS VEGAS AND THE STATE LINE. SO WE
8 WISH TO ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY AND ALL OF THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE
9 AS THEY LEAVE IN OUR MEMORY FOND RECOLLECTIONS OF THEIR
10 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WILL GIVE A
16 LONGER TESTIMONY TO A VERY CLOSE FRIEND WHO PASSED AWAY AND
17 THAT WAS SI FRUMKIN. SI WAS REALLY AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL
18 WHO IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED TO
19 PUT A CRACK IN THAT WALL OF THE IRON CURTAIN, IT WAS SI
20 FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR SOVIET JEWRY
21 BUT ALSO INVOLVED IN HELPING ALL THOSE WHO WERE OPPRESSED BY
22 TYRANNY, BE IT NAZISM OR COMMUNISM. HE WAS A BUSINESSMAN WHO
23 HAD A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER THAT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE ON THE
24 VARIOUS ISSUES AND PUBLIC POLICIES. HE WAS A LEADER AND VOICE
25 OF REASON. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLICAN JEWISH COALITION,



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1 AND ACTIVE POLITICALLY IN MANY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AND LOCAL
2 ELECTIONS. BUT HE WAS THE ONE THAT KEPT THE FLAME ALIVE OF
3 HOPE THAT HELPED BRING DOWN THAT IRON CURTAIN. HE LATER HAD--
4 WAS INVOLVED WITH A GROUP OF JEWS AND EVAGELICAL CHRISTIANS
5 WITH HELPING ISRAEL. BUT HE WAS A FRIEND TO ALL OF US AND
6 SERVED AS A COMMISSIONER. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S
7 GOING TO ELABORATE ON THAT. ALSO I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE
8 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KATIE BOYD WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.
9 KATIE WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH ALL OF THE VARIOUS PUBLIC
10 ACTIVITIES STATEWIDE. SHE WAS FROM SAN FRANCISCO AREA, SERVED
11 ON A NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL DELEGATIONS AND INVOLVED WITH
12 PRESIDENT REAGAN AND BUSH FAMILY. WILDA TURNER, WHO WAS THE
13 SECRETARY WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY L.A.F.C.O. AGENCY
14 FORMATION COMMISSION. SHE PASSED AWAY. UNEXPECTEDLY. MARY JANE
15 WICK, LONG TIME PERSONAL FRIEND OF RONALD AND NANCY REAGAN,
16 BUT HER HUSBAND WAS THE DIRECTOR OF U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY,
17 CHARLES WICK. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS-- SHE HAD
18 SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VETERANS PARK
19 CONSERVANCY, ENSURING THE PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE
20 NATIONAL CEMETERY, AND WAS THE TRUSTEE OF THE RONALD REAGAN
21 PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN.
22 JUANITA HEINLY, LONG TIME SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY LEADER WHO
23 DEVOTED 40 OF YEARS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE
24 CITIZENS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SHE SERVED 35 YEARS AS A
25 RECREATION SERVICE LEADER IN THE NEWHALL AREA FOR THE COUNTY



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1 PARKS AND RECREATION AND WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MANY OF THE
2 ACTIVITIES ON THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY COMMITTEE ON AGENCY,
3 THE SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION AND SHE
4 HELPED DEVELOP THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER.
5 RECOGNIZED AS THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WOMAN OF THE YEAR IN
6 1978, SHE WAS OUR L.A. COUNTY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR IN 2000
7 AND RECEIVED SEVERAL RECOGNITIONS. ONE WAS AN AWARD FROM THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AS WELL AS THE L.A. COUNTY SENIOR
9 CITIZEN ADVISORY SERVICE AWARD. JOAN MARTHA CLARK, THE WIFE OF
10 THE HONORABLE WILLIAM P. CLARK, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77.
11 SHE WAS BORN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND AT THE AGE OF 21, SHE AND
12 HER FAMILY ESCAPED TO WEST GERMANY AFTER THE BORDERS WERE
13 SEALED. SHE WORKED FOR THE U.S. MILITARY IN GERMANY WHERE SHE
14 MET BILL CLARK AND THEY WERE LATER MARRIED A FEW MONTHS LATER.
15 BILL SERVED AS A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE UNDER RONALD REAGAN'S
16 ADMINISTRATION AND THEN WENT TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE WAS
17 NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER FOR HIM AND ALSO SECRETARY OF THE
18 INTERIOR AND MEMBER OF THE REAGAN CABINET. JOAN WAS A FOUNDING
19 MEMBER OF THE LIFE LONG SUPPORT OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO MOZART
20 FESTIVAL AND THE CAL POLY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. SHE
21 CONTRIBUTED HER TIME AND VISION TO AMIGOS DE LOS NIETOS IN SAN
22 MIGUEL, SHANDON HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS, THE 4-H, ST. ROSE
23 CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE OLD MISSION SCHOOL, AND ALSO
24 THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND BILL,
25 AND SISTERS AND BROTHER AND CHILDREN. TEOLA VIENN DAVIS PASSED



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1 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 104 1/2. SHE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN THE
2 EARLY 1920S AND LIVED IN ALTADENA. SHE WAS REALLY KNOWN BY HER
3 FRIENDS AS BEING BRIGHT AND SPUNKY, WHO LOVED CURRENT EVENTS,
4 DISCUSSING THEM WITH ALL HER FRIENDS. SHE RAISED SIX CHILDREN
5 AND IS SURVIVED BY FIVE OF THEM AS WELL AS MANY GRANDCHILDREN,
6 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. WILLIAM
7 WAYNE DUNLAP. HE WAS A SCOUT MASTER WHILE HIS SONS WERE IN THE
8 BOY SCOUTS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COVINA LIONS CLUB AND
9 SERVED ON THE BOARDS AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA
10 SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS, NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ENROLLED ACTS,
11 MEMBER OF THE COVINA METHODIST CHURCH. SISTER JOSEPH EVELYN
12 FLYNN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92, A MEMBER OF THE SISTERS
13 ST. JOSEPH CARONDOLET SINCE 1935. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
14 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. AND JOHN RADICH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
15 81. HE WAS THE OWNER OF THE NEW AGE-- NEW STONE AGE FARM IN
16 FONTANA AND LEAVES MANY FRIENDS IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY.
17 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN. ONE MORE.
18 RAMONA CHAVEZ AT THE AGE OF 90. SHE WAS THE GRANDMOTHER OF MY
19 STAFF MEMBER, SUSAN OSUNA, WHO CARED FOR HER GRANDMOTHER UNTIL
20 RAMONA'S RECENT RETURN TO DALLAS, TEXAS. AND RAMONA RAISED
21 FIVE CHILDREN AND IS SURVIVED BY FOUR, AND 13 GRANDCHILDREN
22 AND 14 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL JUST ADD ON WILDA TURNER.
25 YOU AND I, AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA SERVE ON THE L.A.F.C.O.



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1 BOARD. AND HAVE COME TO KNOW HER. SHE WAS REALLY A WONDERFUL
2 STAFF PERSON FOR L.A.F.C.O.. KEPT THE PLACE MOVING. AND IT WAS
3 VERY TRAGIC. SHE DIED AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. QUITE, QUITE
4 QUICKLY. QUITE SUDDENLY AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS. SO I WANT TO
5 JOIN IN THAT. I DO WANT TO MAKE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN IN
6 MEMORY OF SI FRUMKIN. SI WAS JUST ABOUT THE CLOSEST FRIEND I
7 HAD FOR 40 YEARS. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY I WOULDN'T HAVE
8 BEEN ELECTED IF IT HADN'T HAVE BEEN FOR HIM. MY FIRST VICTORY
9 PARTY IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN 1975 WAS IN HIS KITCHEN. AND
10 ALL OF OUR-- ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT I DID IN THOSE EARLY
11 YEARS WERE COOKED UP IN HIS KITCHEN, SINCE I DIDN'T HAVE A
12 KITCHEN. SI WAS BORN IN LITHUANIA, SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST.
13 SURVIVED AT LEAST ONE BOUT WITH CANCER. DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO
14 PERSONAL FREEDOM AND CIVIL LIBERTIES. IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT
15 YOUR PARTY WAS, IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT YOUR ETHNICITY OR
16 RELIGION OR RACE WAS. HIS CONSISTENCY DROVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
17 NUTS. BUT HE WAS CONSISTENT. YOU ALWAYS KNEW WHERE HE STOOD.
18 AND THE ONE THING THAT HE COULD NOT STOMACH WAS WHEN PEOPLE
19 WHO HAD IT MADE SAT ON THEIR HANDS WHILE PEOPLE WHO NEEDED
20 THEIR HELP WENT IGNORED. AND THAT WAS WHAT HE DEDICATED HIS
21 LIFE TO. HE WAS ONE OF THIS CITY AND COUNTY'S GREAT LEADERS
22 OVER THE LAST HALF CENTURY. THEY DON'T MAKE THEM LIKE THAT ANY
23 MORE AND I DON'T THINK THEY MADE TOO MANY OF THEM BEFORE THEY
24 MADE HIM. HE WAS ALSO MY APPOINTEE TO THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
25 RETIREMENT. I APPOINTED HIM TO THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT BECAUSE



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1 I KNEW THAT PEOPLE WHO CAME TO THE BOARD WITH A GRIEVANCE AND
2 NEEDED TO BE ADJUDICATED, THAT HE WOULD GIVE THEM A FAIR AND
3 JUST HEARING. AND HE LOVED THAT POSITION. HE LOVED THAT JOB.
4 AND HE LOVED THE RETIREMENT ORGANIZATION THAT WE HAVE HERE IN
5 THIS COUNTY. SO IT'S A GREAT LOSS TO ME PERSONALLY. IT'S A
6 GREAT LOSS TO ALL OF US WHO KNEW HIM. IT'S A GREAT LOSS TO LOS
7 ANGELES. AND IT'S A GREAT LOSS TO THE WORLD. HE MADE A HUGE
8 DIFFERENCE. NO MAN IN THIS COUNTRY DID MORE ON BEHALF OF
9 FREEING SOVIET JEWS IN THE LATE '60S AND 1970S AND '80S THAN
10 SI FRUMKIN. AND WHEN THE JEWS FINALLY WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE IN
11 THE LATE '80S, HE TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO PROVIDING FOR THE
12 NEEDS OF THE IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO THIS COMMUNITY. AND THAT
13 IS WHAT HE DEDICATED THE LAST 20 YEARS OF HIS LIFE TO, BECAME
14 THE GODFATHER OF THE LOCAL IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, MANY OF WHOM
15 WERE POOR AND IN NEED OF HELP AND NEEDED A SHOULDER TO LEAN
16 ON. SO I ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN IN THAT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I JUST ASK ON THE SIDES? STAFFS AND
23 EVERYONE ELSE, IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS TO DO, TAKE IT TO THE
24 BACK. BECAUSE IT'S VERY NOISY. JUST KEEP IT DOWN, OKAY? WE'D
25 APPRECIATE IT. LIKE I SAY, IF YOU'VE GOT BUSINESS, TAKE TO IT



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1 THE BACK. ALL RIGHT. I AM GOING TO TRY THIS AGAIN. MULDREW, IF
2 YOU'D COME FORWARD. ITEM 1-H, 13, 28, 29, 32 AND 34. IF YOU
3 WOULD ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES NOW, PLEASE.

4

5 **MULDREW BALENCIAGA:** I APOLOGIZE, MR. KNABE, BUT --

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO PROBLEM. JUST GO AHEAD.

8

9 **MULDREW BALENCIAGA:** WHAT I NEED TO DO IS BECAUSE THERE IS SO
10 MUCH THAT WAS COMPILED ON ME. I ATTENDED YOUR MEETING LAST
11 MONTH. I AM THE ONE THAT IS HOMELESS. AND ALL THE PROGRAMS
12 THAT I'M GOING THROUGH WITH MENTAL HEALTH NOW AND ALL OF THE
13 THINGS THAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR THE MONEY FOR HARBOR U.C.L.A. I
14 WAS OPPOSED TO ALL OF THIS BECAUSE FOR THE SIMPLE FACT IS I AM
15 NOT ON MEDI-CAL. MEDI-CAL WAS TAKEN FROM ME. AND THE ONLY
16 THING I HAVE LEFT NOW IS MY MEDICARE. AND YOU HAVE A LAWSUIT
17 THAT WAS PUT DOWN FOR 150 PEOPLE THAT WAS PUT DOWN FROM THE
18 HOSPITAL'S RELEASED TO SKID ROW. WELL I WAS A PRODUCT OF
19 HARBOR- U.C.L.A. AND WHERE THE AMBULANCE, ON OXYGEN, HAD
20 DROPPED ME BACK TO WHERE I WAS A VICTIM. THERE'S A DOCTOR
21 AGENCY THAT IS AT U.C.L.A. THAT RUNS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM
22 ALSO BY THE NAME OF KUMAR. BUT IT SEEMS TO BE A FAMILY-
23 ORIENTED THING BECAUSE WHEN MY MEDICARE STATEMENTS CAME BACK,
24 EACH ONE OF THESE DOCTORS WAS PAID FOR ME BEING A VICTIM OF
25 CRIME. AND WHERE YOU'RE STATING THAT THEY'RE WANTING MORE



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1 FUNDS FOR THEM TO CONTINUE DOING THEIR WORK FOR TEMPORARY
2 PSYCHIATRISTS WHO TAKE CARE OF HEAVY WORKLOADS, THIS DOCTOR
3 WAS CHARGED \$555. AND EACH TIME THAT I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL
4 FROM OCTOBER OF THE 13TH THROUGH NOVEMBER THE 17TH, THERE WAS
5 OVER EIGHT DOCTORS THAT SEEN ME. AND I WAS CHARGED \$195 PER
6 DAY NOT TO SAY THE SERVICES, AS WELL. NOW, TO BE HOMELESS AND
7 ALL THE SHELTERS AND THE PROGRAMS AT THE H.A. PILOT PROGRAM
8 WHERE THEY CAME TO THE HOSPITAL, I DIDN'T QUALIFY. BUT IT
9 STATES IT ON A PILOT PROGRAM WHERE YOUR ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR
10 HELPS, A.H. PILOT PROJECT ELIGIBLE SCREEN, A PERSON IS
11 HOMELESS IF HE OR SHE LIVES IN A PLACE NOT MEANT FOR
12 HABITATION SUCH AS STREETS, CARS, ABANDONED BUILDINGS, PARKS,
13 BUS STATIONS. I WAS ON THE SIDEWALK WHEN I WAS BEAT DOWN AND
14 TAKEN TO HARBOR U.C.L.A. HARBOR U.C.L.A. WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO
15 RELEASE ME UNTIL THEY COULD FIND ME SOME KIND OF HOUSING. A
16 PER PERSON IS HOMELESS IF THE PROVIDER IS A VICTIM OF AND
17 DOMESTIC ABUSE. A PERSON IS HOMELESS IF HE, UPON DISCHARGE
18 FROM A D.H.S. FACILITY IS LOST OR UNABLE TO RETURN TO HIS OR
19 HER PREVIOUS HOUSING DUE TO CHRONIC ILLNESS PHYSICAL
20 DISABILITIES AS A RESULT OF HIS OR HER HOSPITALIZATION OR DUE
21 TO MEDICAL HEALTH REASONS SUCH AS PREVIOUS UNIT IS NOT
22 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE, CLIENT IS TO LOCATE HOUSING CLOSER TO
23 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU NEED TO WRAP UP YOUR TESTIMONY.



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2 **MULDREW BALENCIAGA:** YEAH, I'M GOING TO WRAP IT UP BECAUSE IT
3 IS SO MUCH THAT IS CONSUMED FOR ME. AND I WAS NOT COMPLETELY
4 ALL THE WAY COMPARED BECAUSE WHEN I SEEN EVERYTHING THAT WAS
5 ON THE THING, I WANTED TO LET IT BE KNOWN. SO I APOLOGIZE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO PROBLEM. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR
8 COMING DOWN AGAIN. THE ITEMS BEFORE US ARE 1, 28, 29 AND 32.
9 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. LET'S GO BACK TO 1-H, WE HAD
11 OTHER SPEAKERS? I WOULD ASK DENISE DRINKARD TO JOIN US ON
12 ITEMS 1-H AND 13. WHILE MISS DRINKARD IS COMING FORWARD, TODAY
13 IS ELECTION DAY. AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO OUT AND VOTE
14 WHATEVER THAT CHOICE MAY BE. PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT, I
15 THINK IN THE CITY OF L.A., THERE'S A CITY ATTORNEY'S RACE.
16 THAT WAS A JOKE. A LITTLE BITTER, BUT ANYWAY, JUST ENCOURAGE
17 EVERYONE TO VOTE ON BEHALF OF OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER DEAN
18 LOGAN. SO GO TO THE POLLS. SOME OF US HAVE VOTED ALREADY THIS
19 MORNING. YES, MISS DRINKARD, GO AHEAD. ITEMS 1 AND 13.

20

21 **DENISE DRINKARD:** YEAH, I HAD CHOSEN 1 AND 13. MY ACTUAL ONE I
22 WAS TRYING TO HURRY AND DO WAS ACTUALLY 34. SO DO I NEED TO
23 WAIT AND COME BACK OR DO 34? GO AHEAD?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.



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2 **DENISE DRINKARD:** GOOD MORNING. CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
3 STAFF AND GUESTS. MY NAME IS DENISE DRINKARD AND I'M CURRENTLY
4 SERVING MY FIRST TERM AS THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AT HOUSING
5 ADVISORY BOARD. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND I, WE'D LIKE TO
6 EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF HOUSING FUNDS IN THE
7 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR OF 2009 AND '10, THE BUDGET. I, WE WOULD
8 LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
9 MENTAL HEALTH REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR FOR 2009- 2009-2010 UNTIL
10 THEY INCLUDE THE ALLOCATIONS FOR HOUSING AND CAPITAL IN THE
11 OPERATIONS SUBSIDE. SPEAKING OF LOANS. AS A MEMBER OF THE
12 HOUSING TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD AND REPRESENTING THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION, WE BELIEVE THIS IS A VERY
14 WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT AND ACCESS THE FEASIBILITY AND EXPANSION
15 TO SERVE AND TO THE UNSERVED, CHRONICALLY ILL AND THE
16 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
17 ENDING IN JUNE, THE FISCAL YEAR ENDS JUNE 30TH OF '09 AND
18 BEYOND. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WERE THINKING ABOUT IS THAT
19 THE MONIES THAT THEY HAVE THERE AVAILABLE, OUR FISCAL YEAR IS
20 OVER AT THE END OF JUNE, AND IT'S JUST ABOUT OVER, AND THERE'S
21 NO MONEY BEEN RELEASED. I'M WONDERING IS THERE GOING TO BE A
22 PENALTY OR SOMETHING FOR THAT MONEY BEING RELEASED AT A LATE
23 TIME? OR WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET A CHANCE TO USE IT ALL? HOW DO
24 YOU EXPLAIN THAT? YOU DON'T HAVE IT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DIDN'T SAY THAT. I SAID THERE WOULD BE
2 NO PENALTY. DEPENDING UPON THE APPLICATION PROCESS, I MEAN I
3 DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE IN THAT PARTICULAR SITUATION. IF
4 EVERYTHING'S FILED IN THE TIMELY MANNER, THERE WILL BE NO
5 PENALTY.

6

7 **DENISE DRINKARD:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM 1-H, MOVED
10 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MOVE ITEM 13, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
13 ORDERED. ITEM 34 WE HAVE ONE OTHER SPEAKER, I BELIEVE. MR.
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS HELD IT, AS WELL. SHELLE BARNES. SHELLE BARNES.

15

16 **SHELLE BARNES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS SHELLE BARNES
17 AND I LIVE AT PACIFIC VIEW GUEST HOME BOARD AND CARE FACILITY.
18 IT HAS IMPROVED SO MUCH THANKS TO DON KNABE, ASSISTANT
19 VELASQUEZ, ARTHUR AS THE OWNER AND ROMEL AND HIS STAFF. THAT I
20 HAVE SO MUCH THAT I AM RECEIVING A HEALING FROM THE TRAUMA
21 THAT I HAVE HAD IN THE PAST. A PRODUCT FROM THE HEALING IS THE
22 ABILITY TO ADVOCATE ON MY BEHALF. I AM LOSING THE MEDI-CAL IN
23 JUNE. THE TEETH AND THE EYE PORTION OF MY MEDI-CAL. I NEED
24 MORE HELP. WHERE DO I GO FOR THE TEETH AND EYE PORTION NOW OF
25 MEDI-CAL? I AM ON S.S.I.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL HAVE YOU TALK TO MR. VELASQUEZ
3 AGAIN OR MR. ESPINOSA AND WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP YOU
4 OUT.

5

6 **SHELLE BARNES:** PLEASE COME AND SEE YOUR WORK WHAT YOU HAVE
7 DONE FOR PACIFIC VIEW GUEST HOME.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR THE
10 NICE WORDS. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, ITEM 34?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
13 IF STAFF WOULD COME FORWARD. I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS
14 THAT I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DR. SOUTHARD?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, AGAIN, MR. CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANT
19 IT TO BE APPRECIATED THAT ALL OF US AS A BOARD CLEARLY KNOW
20 THE IMPORTANCE OF TRYING TO CREATIVELY AS WELL AS ASSERTIVELY
21 DEAL WITH THE MATTERS OF MENTAL HEALTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
22 OF LOS ANGELES. I THINK IT'S ALSO TO BE STATED THAT THE STAFF
23 GETS THAT MISSION AND ATTENDS TO THE MATTER ACCORDINGLY.
24 HAVING SERVED ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT AND
25 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION AT THE STATE LEVEL, PART OF THE



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1 CONCERN WAS TO DRIVE THESE RESOURCES TO THE LOCAL LEVEL AS
2 QUICKLY AND/OR AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE. MR. CHAIRMAN AND
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR THOSE OF US WHO SERVED ON THAT
4 BOARD, ONE OF THE MORE IMMEDIATE CONCERNS THAT WE HAD ONCE THE
5 VOTERS SPOKE WAS TO APPROVE VALUE, TO NOT SIMPLY TALK ABOUT
6 OVERSIGHT BUT TO UNDERScore ACCOUNTABILITY. AND IT'S IN THAT
7 CONTEXT THAT I WANT TO RAISE JUST A FEW QUESTIONS AND
8 HOPEFULLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLLOW UP. IT COMES AS NO
9 SURPRISE TO THE DIRECTOR OR TO THE C.E.O., FOR THAT MATTER,
10 THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE LENGTH OF
11 TIME THAT IT HAS TAKEN TO REACH THIS POINT. AND IT WOULD BE
12 USEFUL TO HEAR WHY SUCH WAS THE CASE, THE NUMBER OF MONTHS,
13 PERHAPS UNUSUAL LENGTHY, YOU MIGHT SAY, TO PUT IT MILDLY,
14 BEFORE WE COULD MOVE THESE RESOURCES FORWARD. THE OTHER POINT
15 THAT I WOULD HOPE COULD BE RAISED WAS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE
16 R.F.P. ITSELF, ALLEGATIONS, SMALL "A," OF FLAWS IN THE PROCESS
17 OF MOVING THAT FORWARD, MAYBE HAVING IMPLICATIONS FOR THE
18 LENGTH OF TIME IT HAS TAKEN. THE CLAIM OF A TWO-YEAR DELAY
19 FROM THE TIME THE STATE'S APPROVAL OF THESE RESOURCES AND
20 WHETHER OR NOT UPON FURTHER REFLECTION AND INDEED
21 INTROSPECTION THE DEPARTMENT FEELS LIKE THERE IS A BETTER WAY,
22 A MORE EXPEDITIOUS WAY, YOU MIGHT SAY, OF GETTING THESE UNITS
23 BUILT. VERY EARLY ON, WITH THE NOTION OF ACCOUNTABILITY, WE
24 ARTICULATED A PERSPECTIVE THAT CALLED FOR-- AND THIS IS FOR A
25 BIPARTISAN GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS, TWO OF WHOM WERE ELECTED. THE



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1 BALANCE REPRESENTING PROVIDERS, CLIENTS, ET CETERA,
2 CONSTITUTING THE MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
3 COMMISSION. THE CONCERN WAS ON THE ISSUE OF ACCOUNTABILITY, AS
4 I SAID, CREATIVITY AND RESULTS. BUT ESSENTIALLY TO GET THESE
5 UNITS BUILT. BECAUSE WE FEEL LIKE AS A RESULT OF AN ABUNDANCE
6 OF DATA AND THE LITERATURE SPEAKS TO IT IN A COMPELLING WAY,
7 WE WANT TO STABILIZE HOMELESSNESS AND HELP PEOPLE WORK THROUGH
8 THEIR ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING WAS FUNDAMENTALLY
9 IMPORTANT. AND SO IF YOU COULD KIND OF HELP US WITH THIS, IT
10 WOULD BE USEFUL.

11

12 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES. SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE FIRST ISSUE
13 THAT NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED IS THAT THESE DOLLARS ARE NOT FOR
14 BUILDING. THESE DOLLARS ARE FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN
15 PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

18

19 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TASKS FOR THE
20 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYING THESE FUNDS WERE THE CLEAR DIRECTION THAT
21 WE THOUGHT WE RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD THAT THE CREATION OF NEW
22 SUPPORT, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OUGHT TO BE A COUNTY-
23 WIDE EFFORT AND NOT ONE THAT WAS FOCUSED ONLY IN PARTICULAR
24 AREAS OF THE COUNTY. AND SO THE PROCESS OF FINDING WAYS TO
25 MAKE SURE THAT PROJECTS GOT STARTED AND PRIORITIZED IN ALL



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1 AREAS OF THE COUNTY WAS A LENGTHY PROCESS. I THINK TO YOUR
2 CONCERN ABOUT HAS THE DEPARTMENT LEARNED HOW TO DO IT MORE
3 QUICKLY? I THINK THE ANSWER IS YES. WE WENT THROUGH SOME
4 STARTS AND STOPS IN THE PROCESS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

7

8 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** TRYING TO ALLOCATE THESE DOLLARS. AND
9 SHOULD WE HAVE MORE DOLLARS TO ALLOCATE FOR SUPPORT SERVICES,
10 WE WOULD KNOW HOW TO DO IT MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY THAN IN THE
11 PAST. I SHOULD ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT ON THE
12 OTHER SIDE, LOS ANGELES IS IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION WITH
13 REGARD TO THE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS THAN MOST CALIFORNIA
14 COUNTIES. MOST CALIFORNIA COUNTIES ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY
15 FINDING DEVELOPERS TO ACTUALLY BUILD PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
16 HOUSING. IN LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE THE OPPOSITE ISSUE, THAT WE
17 HAVE DEDICATED \$115 MILLION THROUGH CAL. F.H.A. FOR THIS
18 PROJECT. AND THE PIPELINE IS ACTUALLY QUITE FULL OF PROJECTS
19 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT WOULD MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS. SO
20 WE'RE OPTIMISTIC THAT THERE WILL BE A COUNTY-WIDE EFFORT TO
21 HAVE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BE AN OPTION ALL OVER THE
22 COUNTY, AND NOT JUST IN CONCENTRATED AREAS. MR. CHAIRMAN, I
23 APPRECIATE THE RESPONSE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT. IT
24 STILL REMAINS, I THINK, AND I APPRECIATE THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
25 THAT A LOT WAS LEARNED DURING THE PROCESS, BUT THERE IS A



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1 SENSE IN WHICH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS WELL AS THE CAPITAL WORK
2 THAT'S DONE DO, IN FACT, GO HAND-IN-HAND. AND SO TO HAVE
3 PLACES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO RESIDE ABSENT THE SERVICES THEY NEED
4 IN ORDER TO THRIVE WOULD SEEM TO ME TO BE RATHER PROBLEMATIC.
5 THE NEEDS-BASED FACTOR, THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION FACTORS,
6 ET CETERA, SEEM TO ME TO BE REALLY RATHER IMPORTANT TO RE-
7 VISIT AS WE GO FORWARD. THE LEVEL OF EXPERTISE RESIDENT IN THE
8 DEPARTMENT AS IT DOES RELATE TO GETTING PROJECTS BUILT IS
9 ANOTHER FACTOR WORTHY OF OUR REVIEWS. SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, I
10 WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BE NOTED THAT IT IS MY INTENT TO FOLLOW-
11 UP ON THESE ISSUES BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A CONSTRUCTIVE PATH
12 THAT WE CAN PURSUE TOGETHER TOWARD A BETTER OUTCOME.

13

14 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST MAKE SURE THE OTHER VIEWPOINT
21 HERE IS SET OUT. I SHARE THE COMMENTARY YOU MADE THAT THERE
22 WERE SOME STOPS AND STARTS IN THIS, BUT I ALSO THINK YOU NEED
23 TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE PROGRESS THAT'S BEEN MADE AND LEARNING
24 FROM THE BARRIERS THAT YOU'VE HAD TO CLEAR OVER THE PAST YEAR
25 OR TWO ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, ON DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH



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1 SERVICES AND ESPECIALLY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AS IT RELATES
2 TO THE HOMELESS. I ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT
3 TRACK NOW. AND OUR PROBLEM, AT LEAST ON THE HOMELESS FRONT, IS
4 NOT GETTING THE SERVICES OUT THE DOOR. IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO.
5 IT'S NOT ANY MORE. OUR PROBLEM IS GETTING THE HOUSING, AND THE
6 HOUSING IS USUALLY NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY. THE HANDFUL OF
7 HOUSING UNITS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. THE CITY IS GETTING
8 THE HOUSING GOING. THERE'S A PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCE ON WHAT
9 CONSTITUTION AN APPROPRIATE ADDRESSING OF THE HOMELESSNESS
10 ISSUE IN VARIOUS CITIES. CITY OF LOS ANGELES BELIEVES THAT
11 WAREHOUSING PEOPLE IN TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS IS THE FIRST AND
12 FOREMOST THING THAT OUGHT TO BE DONE. AND THAT MAY BE
13 NECESSARY IN SOME INSTANCES. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A ONE SIZE
14 FITS ALL HERE. BUT THERE ARE OTHER PHILOSOPHIES THAT ARE
15 WORKING QUITE WELL, THANK YOU, ALL OVER THIS COUNTY AND ALL
16 OVER THE COUNTRY THAT INVOLVE THE PROVISION OF HOUSING,
17 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THE KIND OF THING YOU'VE DONE
18 WITH PROJECT 50 AND THE KIND OF THING THAT'S BEEN DONE WITH
19 THE CHILDREN ON SKID ROW THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA PIONEERED A
20 YEAR OR TWO AGO AND OTHER THINGS THAT ARE BEING DONE. IT IS
21 NOT A ONE-- THERE'S A LOT OF ARROWS IN OUR QUIVER ON THIS
22 ISSUE. AND I HAVE FOUND, AT LEAST IN MY EXPERIENCE DEALING
23 WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT, THAT THERE'S BEEN A STEADY IMPROVEMENT
24 TO THE POINT WHERE I NOW HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT WHEN WE GO TO A
25 CITY, WHETHER IT'S LOS ANGELES, SANTA MONICA OR WEST



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1 HOLLYWOOD, WHOEVER IT IS, THAT WHEN WE COMMIT TO A PERMANENT
2 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, OR WHEN WE COMMIT TO PROVIDING THE
3 SERVICES AS PART OF A SERVICE-ORIENTED MODEL, WHETHER IT'S
4 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OR SOME OTHER MODEL, THAT IT WILL
5 GET DONE. IT WILL GET DONE IN A TIMELY FASHION. SO I REALLY
6 FIND SOME OF THE CRITICISMS THAT WE'VE HAD FROM OTHERS IN SOME
7 OF THE CITIES, ESPECIALLY THE CITY OF L.A. RECENTLY, I THINK
8 THEY NEED TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON. I'M
9 NOT NOT TO BE CRITICAL OF THEM. THEY MAY NOT JUST BE AWARE OF
10 WHAT A SEA CHANGE THERE'S BEEN IN THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE
11 COUNTY, MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN PARTICULAR, AND THE
12 PARTNERS WE HAVE IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR WHO ARE ACTUALLY
13 PROVIDING THE WORK, DOING THE WORK. AND I THINK THAT THOSE
14 FOLKS NEED TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THAT. SEE WHAT'S BEEN GOING
15 ON. AND INSTEAD OF HOUNDING YOU, IS ENGAGING YOU, BECAUSE WE
16 CAN GET PRODUCT OUT THE DOOR NOW OR WE CAN GET CRITICISM OUT
17 OF OUR MOUTHS. I PREFER TO GET PRODUCT OUT THE DOOR. I THINK
18 THE PENDULUM HAS SWUNG. THE EQUILIBRIUM HAS SHIFTED TO WHERE
19 WE NOW HAVE A REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT IF THE CITY, ANY
20 CITY, WILL PROVIDE THE HOUSING, PROVIDE THE VOUCHERS FOR
21 HOUSING UNIT, THAT WE'LL GET THE SERVICES TO THEM, WHETHER
22 IT'S YOUR SERVICES OR HEALTH OR PUBLIC HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE
23 ABUSE OR WHAT HAVE YOU. THAT'S BEEN THE, REALLY THE WONDERFUL
24 BY-PRODUCT OF WHAT WE'VE DONE, WHAT ALL OF US HAVE DONE ON
25 SKID ROW. IT'S FORCED EVERYBODY TO WORK TOGETHER AND LEARN HOW



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1 TO WORK TOGETHER. AND WE FOUND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO GET THE
2 JOB DONE AND WHAT'S SUPERFLUOUS AND WASTEFUL. I WANT TO
3 CONGRATULATE YOU, MARV, IT'S NOT EASY. YOU'RE UNDER A LOT OF
4 PRESSURE FROM A LOT OF QUARTERS. THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.
5 THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY OUT THERE, BUT YOU'VE KEPT THE FOCUS. I
6 JUST WANT YOU TO HEAR THAT FROM AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO
7 APPRECIATES IT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I'D ALSO
10 LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY PART OF THE PROGRESS HAS
11 BEEN MADE AS A RESULT OF THE WORK OF MY CHIEF DEPUTY ROBIN
12 KAY, WHO HAPPENS TO BE NEXT TO ME HERE. SO I WANT TO TAKE A
13 MOMENT JUST TO ACKNOWLEDGE HER HARD COMPETENT WORK.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALSO I THINK WE ALL RECEIVED
16 A LETTER FROM COUNCILWOMAN PERRY. HOPEFULLY WE CAN PREPARE A
17 RESPONSE BECAUSE SHE'S ABSOLUTELY WRONG ON PORTIONS OF THIS
18 BECAUSE THAT MONEY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE VARIOUS PROJECTS.
19 BUT WE NEED TO CLARIFY THAT SO SHE'S NOT LEFT WITH SOME
20 MISUNDERSTANDING.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIR?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO STATE, THOUGH, THAT THE REAL
2 OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE THAT MANY OF THE HOMELESS
3 HAVE IS TO HAVE THE STATE LEGISLATURE ENACT LEGISLATION THAT
4 WOULD REQUIRE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY
5 ILL, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABUSERS.
6 OTHERWISE WE JUST DO A REVOLVING DOOR WHERE THEY GO IN ONE
7 DOOR OR BACK TO THE CURB. BUT THEY NEED TO HAVE THAT MEDICAL
8 ATTENTION TO GET THEM BACK ON THEIR FEET. A CURB OR FREEWAY
9 UNDERPASS IS NOT THE SOLUTION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXACTLY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** A COUPLE OF THINGS. AS IT RELATES TO THE
14 REMARKS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I HAVE BEEN PARTY TO
15 THAT DEBATE QUITE RECENTLY. AND IT IS NO SMALL ISSUE. LET ME
16 JUST STIPULATE VERY EARLY ON IN THIS SET OF REMARKS THAT I
17 AGREE THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A MORE ASSERTIVE WAY OF HELPING
18 THE PERSONS CHALLENGED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS TO GET HELP. AND
19 THERE'S A HUGE DIVIDE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF MENTAL HEALTH
20 PROVIDERS AS WELL AS ADVOCATES ON THIS ISSUE. AND THE DIRECTOR
21 KNOWS THAT FULL WELL. THIS IS A MAJOR DEBATE, NOT JUST SIMPLY
22 THOSE WHO ARE CIVIL LIBERTARIANS OR THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO
23 THE ISSUE OF EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE
24 BEHAVIOR THREATENS PUBLIC SAFETY. SO YOU HAVE THOSE THINGS.
25 BUT REALLY AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS. THERE IS A HUGE DEBATE. THERE



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1 IS A RAGING DEBATE. AND SO THE SUCCESS AT THE LEVEL OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT LIMITED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF
3 CONSENSUS THAT HAS DEVELOPED ON THIS VERY POINT. I ASSOCIATE
4 MYSELF WITH THOSE WHO WISH TO SEE MORE HAPPEN IN AN ASSERTIVE,
5 COMPASSIONATE WAY. AND I WOULD TRUST THAT IT COULD BE
6 ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEAR TERM. THE PRO TEM OF THE SENATE IS A
7 HUGE ADVOCATE ON THIS FRONT FRONT, AS MANY OF US KNOW, THE
8 PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION THAT MADE PROP 63 DOLLARS
9 AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND HE, FOR
10 EXAMPLE, IS OF A DIVIDED MIND, TO PUT IT MILDLY, ON THIS VERY
11 ISSUE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I WOULD BE MORE THAN GLAD TO
12 HAVE A FURTHER CONVERSATION AND WORK WITH YOU ON THIS BECAUSE
13 I THINK PEOPLE DON'T-- SHOULD NOT WALK AWAY FROM THE
14 SERIOUSNESS OF THIS PROPOSITION, AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN FIND
15 COMMON GROUND. THE FINAL POINT THAT I WOULD MAKE IS I TRUST
16 THAT IT IS APPRECIATED THAT OBSERVATIONS CAN BE MADE THAT MAY
17 BE CONSTRUED AS CRITICAL, BUT IT'S A CRITIQUE THAT IS
18 APPROPRIATE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PUBLIC SPACE. I CERTAINLY
19 HOPE THAT IT IS TAKEN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER
20 IN WHICH I HOPE THAT I COMMUNICATED IT. IT IS NOT MY CHOICE
21 NOR IS IT MY PREFERENCE TO DISPARAGE THE WORK OF THIS
22 DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT. BUT BY YOUR OWN
23 EXPRESSION, IMPROVEMENT CAN BE MADE, IT SHOULD BE. AND I WANT
24 YOU TO COUNT ON MY OFFICES TO BE SUPPORTIVE IN THAT REGARD. IT
25 IS NOT TO TAKE AWAY FROM ANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN



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1 MADE. I HAVE A SENSE HOW TOUGH IT IS TO GET THIS WORK DONE.
2 BUT I DON'T THINK WE IMPROVE BY SIMPLY EMBRACING THE STATUS
3 QUO AS IF WE'VE ARRIVED WHERE WE SHOULD BE. SO EXPECT ME TO BE
4 SUPPORTIVE AND AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, CALL IT TO THE
5 ATTENTION OF THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE, HOW WE CAN AND SHOULD
6 IMPROVE. TOWARD THAT END YOU SHOULD EXPECT FOLLOW UP ON ME ON
7 THAT POINT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS NO ONE ADVOCATING STATUS QUO
10 KINDS OF OPERATIONS HERE. I THINK WE'RE ALSO WHAT A TAD
11 FRUSTRATED ABOUT THE LENGTH OF TIME, BUT AT LEAST THINK WE'RE
12 ON SOLID GROUND AND MOVING THE RIGHT WAY. WE NEED TO CONTINUE
13 TO MOVE FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIR, IF I MAY, THE LETTER I MADE
16 REFERENCE TO, YOU MAY HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF THE COMMENTS. I
17 DO NOT WISH TO HAVE COLLAPSED WITH THE LETTER. MINE ARE QUITE-
18 -

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I UNDERSTAND. I'M DIRECTING--

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. AND TO MR. YAROSLAVSKY HAD INFERRED
23 SUCH. IT'S NOT THE CASE AT ALL. MINE COMES FROM MENTAL HEALTH
24 PROVIDERS AND CLIENTS THAT WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROCESS. I
25 THINK IT'S CERTAINLY LEGITIMATE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM--

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW YOU WANT TO MOVE ON BUT I JUST WANT
5 TO CLARIFY SOMETHING. MAYBE I WASN'T CLEAR. I DIDN'T MEAN TO
6 IMPLY-- I WAS MORE REFERRING TO THE OTHER CRITICISMS, NOT SO
7 MUCH YOUR COMMENTS, FIRST OF ALL. HERE'S MY PROBLEM GLOBALLY.
8 WE CAN ALL PICK YOU APART, AND WE HAVE AND WE WILL TO TRY TO
9 MAKE YOU IMPROVE, TO TRY TO IMPROVE IN THE DELIVERY OF
10 SERVICES. BUT IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO. TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES
11 IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REQUIRES A PARTNER.
12 AND DOWN THE STREET, WHETHER IT'S L.A. CITY HALL OR ANY OTHER
13 CITY HALL. AND WE DEAL WITH A LOT OF CITIES, ALL OF US DO, ALL
14 88. I THINK WE NEED TO INFORM THEM AND EDUCATE THEM ABOUT THE
15 OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY ARE MISSING. BECAUSE WHILE THEY'RE
16 BEATING US UP, THEY'RE NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LITERALLY
17 HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE
18 RIGHT NOW TO PROVIDE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. RIGHT NOW,
19 VOUCHERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THAT ARE GOING UNUSED. CITY OF LOS
20 ANGELES WAS GIVEN, WHAT, 800? VOUCHERS OF V.A. HOUSING
21 VOUCHERS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR VETERANS, 800. THEY'VE
22 USED LESS THAN 60. ALMOST A YEAR AGO THEY GOT THOSE VOUCHERS.
23 SO I KNOW THAT IT'S NICE TO BEAT UP DR. SOUTHARD IF YOU'RE ONE
24 OF OUR OTHER CITIES. YOU MAKE A GOOD TARGET. ROBIN IS A MUCH
25 SMALLER TARGET. BUT NONE OF US HAVE BEEN TAKING POT SHOTS AT



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1 THAT. AND THAT'S CRIMINAL. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THAT'S GONE
2 WASTED. WE'VE GOT SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST WITH I FORGET THE
3 NUMBER 50 OR 100 VOUCHERS AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE READY
4 TO ROLL. THAT OUGHT TO BE EXPLOITED, OUGHT TO BE TAKEN
5 ADVANTAGE OF. THIS IS GOING OVER ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY. WE'RE
6 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEM, AS MUCH AS WE CAN IN OUR PART OF THE
7 COUNTY, I KNOW THAT THE OTHERS ARE, AS WELL. BUT IT'S A BIG
8 COUNTY. WE HAVE FAR MORE PEOPLE THAT NEED HELP THAN THERE ARE
9 VOUCHERS. BUT WHEN YOU DON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VOUCHERS,
10 THEN YOU CAN'T PROVIDE THE SERVICES IN THE KIND OF WAY THAT
11 WAS ENVISIONED BY YOU AND BY US. I TOTALLY AGREE THAT WE
12 SHOULD ALWAYS BE PUSHING TO IMPROVE THE PRODUCT WE DELIVER.
13 AND WE CAN DO A MUCH BETTER JOB OF IT AND WE'LL LEARN AS WE GO
14 ALONG. BUT YOU LEARN BY DOING AND MAKING MISTAKES. YOU DON'T
15 JUST LEARN BY SITTING BACK AND SHOOTING AT EACH OTHER. AND SO
16 IT'S IN THAT SPIRIT THAT I MADE THOSE COMMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
20 ORDERED. THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH. JUST FOR THE RECORD, ITEM
21 60-C, I BELIEVE WAS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION WAS PASSED,
22 BUT HOPEFULLY I'D LIKE TO HAVE A REFERENCE REGARDING THE "WALL
23 STREET JOURNAL" ABOUT WHAT THE CITY OF INDIO WAS DOING WITH
24 REGARDS TO THE ALGAE IN THE POOL, AND WHERE THEY'RE PAYING FOR



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1 THAT PROTOCOL OUT OF FINES AND FEES. IF YOU'LL GET THAT TO MR.
2 FUJIOKA, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. OKAY. WHAT ELSE?

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BEFORE WE GET THERE, MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD WE
5 HAVE A RECONSIDERATION ON-- IT WAS THE SET MATTER S-2 WHICH IS
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE
7 WHOLE WHICH WAS BEING CONTINUED TO NEXT WEEK, BUT INSTEAD
8 COULD WE CONTINUE THAT TWO WEEKS TO 11 A.M.?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. I'D RATHER CONTINUE THE OTHER
13 ONE, TOO.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY, GREAT, THANK YOU. AND THEN WE HAVE
16 ITEM 27 WHERE THERE'S ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK
17 ON THAT?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE I DO THAT, I FORGOT UP FRONT, IT
20 WAS MENTIONED BY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WHEN HIS WIFE WAS TALKING,
21 BUT LAST, WE HAVE SOME GRADUATES. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD HIS
22 TWO SONS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
23 DAUGHTER VALENTINA GRADUATED. SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY DAUGHTER GOT HER THIRD DEGREE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY--

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SHE'S BEING GIVEN THE THIRD DEGREE RIGHT
7 NOW. [LAUGHTER.]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS GOING TO SAY THAT THE LARGEST
10 SINGLE PAY RAISE YOU RECEIVE IN YOUR WORKING CAREER IS WHEN
11 YOUR LAST CHILD IS OUT OF COLLEGE AND I BELIEVE THAT AND
12 THAT'S A TRUE STORY. BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIRD OR FOURTH OR
13 FIFTH DEGREES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THEN COMES GRADUATE SCHOOL, I TELL YOU.
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM?

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 27?

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 27. WOW, HE'S BACK. RICHARD ROBINSON. IS
23 MR. ROBINSON HERE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I SAW HIM COME IN. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S
2 HERE NOW. WHAT OTHER ITEMS DO WE HAVE?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE ITEM 29, WHICH WAS BEING HELD BY
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU WANT TO DO
8 ITEM 29?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD MOVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE A
11 DETAILED WRITTEN REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS ON THE REVENUE
12 PROJECTIONS FOR EACH YEAR OF THE CONTRACT AS WELL AS THE
13 STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING ENROLLMENT TO MEET THE REVENUE
14 TARGETS AND HOW THOSE, THE ENROLLMENT TARGETS, HOW THEY WERE
15 DEVELOPED. I'D MOVE IT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT AN AMENDMENT?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. JUST HAVING TO REPORT BACK. REVENUE
20 PROJECTIONS FOR EACH YEAR OF THE CONTRACT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS
23 AMENDED. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
24 ITEM 27, MR. ROBINSON IS NOT HERE, SO WE'RE GOING TO MOVE
25 FORWARD. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS BEFORE?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DO YOU WANT TO MOVE THAT ITEM?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS BESIDES 27?

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE DO. WE HAVE ITEM NO. 33, WHICH WAS HELD
7 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 33, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REASON THAT I HAD HELD THIS IS THIS
12 PROVIDES FOR ANNUAL INCREASES TO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT RATES UP
13 TO 20 PERCENT. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE ITEM WITHOUT THE
14 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THOSE AGREEMENTS BY 20
15 PERCENT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BASICALLY HAVE TO COME BACK FOR ANY
18 INCREASES? OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS AMENDED.
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
20 ORDERED. OKAY. ITEM 27. MR. ROBINSON IS STILL NOT HERE, SO
21 WE'LL-- LET ME SEE WHAT IT IS.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE TWO MORE ITEMS. WE HAVE ITEM NO. 35
24 AND WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS ON THAT, ITEM 35.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY ON ITEM 35, THEN, I WOULD CALL UP
2 OSBEE SANGSTER AND WILLIAM LEGERE, IF YOU ARE HERE, PLEASE
3 COME FORWARD. IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD. GO AHEAD AND
4 BEGIN. THREE MINUTES.

5

6 **WILLIAM LEGERE:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. I THANK YOU FOR INVITING
7 ME, INVITING US HERE ON ITEM 35. I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT BRIEFLY
8 ABOUT EDUCATION CONSUMERS. AS YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE ASPECTS OR
9 THE M.H.S.A., THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, IS FOR CONSUMERS
10 TO BE ALLOWED TO PURSUE ADVANCED DEGREES, NOT ONLY BACHELOR
11 DEGREE BUT ALSO ADVANCED DEGREE, MASTER AND DOCTORATE AND
12 PROFESSIONAL DEGREES. AND THE THING IS THAT THE COST OF
13 EDUCATION HAVE BECOME PROHIBITIVELY HIGH. THE CALIFORNIA STATE
14 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM HAVE
15 RECENTLY RAISED THEIR STUDENT FEES AGAIN. IT MEANS THAT MORE
16 PEOPLE ARE BEING SHUT OUT OF EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY CONSUMERS
17 WHO HAVE A LIMITED INCOME AND WANT TO FURTHER EDUCATION. AND I
18 THINK THIS IS A FORM OF DISCRIMINATION. THAT INSTEAD OF
19 EDUCATION FOR CONSUMERS, THERE SHOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR
20 SIMPLY TO PURSUE THEIR EDUCATION. AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT
21 BECAUSE I WENT TO A CONFERENCE THREE YEARS AGO UP IN SAN
22 MATEO, AND THIS BLACK PSYCHOLOGIST WAS UP THERE. HE WAS
23 SPEAKING ABOUT PROFESSIONALS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD, THAT
24 THE PROFESSIONALS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD SHOULD LOOK LIKE
25 THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE, NOT TO BE PREDOMINANTLY WHITE MIDDLE



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1 CLASS MALE, BUT THAT THEY SHOULD LOOK LIKE THE PEOPLE THEY
2 SERVE. AND HE WAS SAYING THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, LATINO CLIENT WILL
3 SEE A LATINO PROFESSIONAL, A BLACK CLIENT WILL SEE A BLACK
4 PROFESSIONAL, SO ON. HE SAID THAT AT THE CONFERENCE. AND SO I
5 THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION
6 FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS SO THAT-- BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY
7 MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS WHO DO HAVE MASTER AND PH.D. DEGREES,
8 WHO DO HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES. AND THEY ARE PROFESSIONAL AND
9 THEY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THEY ARE
10 SERVING THEIR FELLOW PROFESSIONALS AND FELLOW CLIENTS. AND SO
11 I WANTED TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER THAT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, STAFF AND GUESTS. MY NAME IS OSBEE SANGSTER, I'M
17 THE PRESIDENT OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION. I
18 AM OF COURSE PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY. MY APPEARANCE HERE IS
19 TWO FOLDED. SUBJECT NO. 1: BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT
20 COALITION, B.L.A.C.C.C.'S CAPACITY BUILDING STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
21 AFRICAN-AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS. IT IS RECOMMENDED
22 THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE AND DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF EMPOWERMENT
23 AND ADVOCACY, D.M.H. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO REIMBURSE
24 B.L.A.C.C.C.'S UNCOMPENSATED FUNDING, FUNDS NOT EXPENDED
25 WITHIN THEIR ORIGINAL 2008 TERM. WE REQUEST TO ALLOCATE THOSE



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1 FUNDS FOR OUR THIRD ANNUAL MENTAL COMMUNITY HEALTH RECOVERY
2 AND WELLNESS CULTURAL FORUM SCHEDULED DECEMBER 5TH AT CHARLES
3 DREW UNIVERSITY, TO CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES AND/OR
4 CONTRACTUAL VIDEOGRAPH PHOTOGRAPHER SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OR
5 DEGREE FOR WHAT IS PROVIDED. THIS IS CRITICAL TO THE MENTAL
6 HEALTH SERVICES ACT. FUNDING NOT TO BE DILUTED DUE TO FLAWS IN
7 2008. SUBJECT NO. 2, BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION
8 WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE AND DIRECT THE
9 DIRECTOR OF EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
10 HEALTH, TO SUPPLEMENT, REINFORCE IMPLEMENTATION OF
11 B.L.A.C.C.C. STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS VIA THE MENTAL HEALTH
12 SERVICES ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE ORIGINAL
13 TERM OF OUR AGREEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2009.
14 PURPOSE: JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION ACTION FUNDS JUST
15 RECENTLY RELEASED. SO THAT B.L.A.C.C.C. WON'T BE RUSHED AND SO
16 THAT WE CAN DO A VERY GOOD JOB. FISCAL IMPACT FUNDING FOR 2008
17 AND '09 BASED ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT. THOSE FUNDS
18 THAT WERE UNALLOCATED, FUNDS TO B.L.A.C.C.C., BLACK LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION RECENTLY RECEIVED BUT NOT YET
20 RELEASED. I SHOULD SAY RECENTLY RELEASED BUT NOT YET RECEIVED.
21 BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION PROVIDES PROVISIONS
22 AND RECOMMENDATION FOR ONE-TIME 12-MONTH EXTENSION FOR FISCAL
23 YEAR 2009 AND '10 TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR ACCEPTANCE BASED
24 UPON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMISING PRACTICES AND CONSUMER-
25 DRIVEN SERVICES. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE TODAY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM, THEN, IS BEFORE US.
3 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
4 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 27, MR.
5 ROBINSON. WELCOME BACK, RICHARD.

6

7 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WORKERS, RICHARD ROBINSON.
8 YOU'RE FOCUSED ON A RELATIVELY SPECIFIC NUMBER. WHAT I'D LIKE
9 TO ADDRESS MY COMMENTS TO A MORE GENERAL ONE THAT I'VE STATED
10 HERE OVER THE YEARS. THIS IS TOTALLY-- I'M NOT USING NOTES--
11 EXTEMPORANEOUS. I WANTED TO SAY THAT IN 1971, I AND MY BRAND
12 NEW CHEVROLET SENT ESSENTIALLY BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,
13 ARRIVED AT THE MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL AT MAIN AND FIFTH. IT IS
14 IN MY ESTIMATION PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE
15 CONCEPTS THAT WILL BE, IN MY ESTIMATION, THE SOLUTION TO
16 ENDING DOWNTOWN THE BLIGHT, PRIMARILY, ASSOCIATED WITH THE
17 NEGLECT CONCOMITANT WITH THE REVOLVING DOOR MINDSET OF THE
18 SYSTEM. FORMER MAYOR RIORDAN SEEMED TO HAVE HAD HIS HAND ON A
19 SOLUTION. WHAT? CENTRALIZE THOSE FOLKS INTO THAT AREA WHICH
20 HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN THE VENUE WHERE THE PROBLEM CAN BE
21 ADDRESSED. FORMER MAYOR WILLIE BROWN IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 1979
22 ESTABLISHED A COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND TREATMENT SERVICE
23 UTILIZING A PRIVATE GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC BUSINESS-GOVERNMENT
24 PARTNERSHIP. NORDSTROM, CHARLES SCHWAB, ET AL, BEGAN A VERY
25 HEARTFELT-- AND IT'S WORKING. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.



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1 GAVIN [NEWSOM] UPTHERE NOW HAS THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED
2 FROM NEGLECT, NEGLECT OVER THE YEARS BEING CHISELED INTO THE
3 SIDEWALKS ON MARKET STREET. THAT'S COMPASSION PLUS. HE'S
4 SAYING: THIS IS A SANCTUARY CITY WHEN HE'S DOING THAT FOR SAN
5 FRANCISCO. NOW, HERE I BELIEVE THAT OVER THE YEARS, IT'S BEEN
6 38, SINCE 1971 WHEN WE BEGAN SWEEPING THE STREETS AROUND THE
7 MILLION DOLLARS HOTEL I BELIEVE THAT A COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND
8 TREATMENT SERVICE WITHIN THE ANCILLARY MOBILE ASSISTANCE
9 PATROL, PICKING UP PEOPLE WHO ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF HELP,
10 CAN RECEIVE HELP. WITH YOUR HELP. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SO ITEM 27 IS BEFORE US.
13 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
14 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 59 IS A REMAINING
15 ITEM. HELD FOR DISCUSSION. WE NEED A STATUS REPORT BY THE
16 SHERIFF ON THE AUTOMATION OF FILE KEEPING ON THE SEXUAL
17 ASSAULT KITS.

18

19 **CMDR. EARL SHIELDS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. EARL SHIELDS
20 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

21

22 **DAN SCOTT:** DAN SCOTT. SERGEANT. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

23

24 **CMDR. EARL SHIELDS:** I'M BACK BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING TO GIVE
25 YOU AN UPDATE ON THE SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS. LAST YEAR,



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1 MARCH 31ST. AND AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE REPORT THAT WE
2 PRESENTED TO YOU, WE ARE AT 4,022 QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED BACK
3 FROM THE 6-- I'M SORRY. FROM THE 4,691 UNANALYZED SEXUAL
4 ASSAULT KITS. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE QUESTIONNAIRES COMPLETED
5 ON 94 PERCENT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CASES. 54 PERCENT OF
6 THE OUTSIDE AGENCY CASES. MOVING ON TO PAGE 2, THE BREAKDOWN
7 OF THOSE 4,022 RECEIVED QUESTIONNAIRES ARE 12 PERCENT UNKNOWN
8 SUSPECT CASES. 6 PERCENT KNOWN SUSPECT CASES. 23 PERCENT
9 REJECTED FOR FILING. 22 PERCENT ADJUDICATED. 31 INSUFFICIENT
10 OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION. 5 PERCENT ELEMENTS OF A CRIME NOT
11 ESTABLISHED. AND 1 PERCENT OR DETERMINED TO BE PREVIOUSLY
12 ANALYZED. AS YOU CAN SEE AS WE GO THROUGH THESE KITS AND WE
13 ACTUALLY START PULLING THEM, GET THEM PREPARED TO SEND OUT FOR
14 ANALYSIS AND WE'RE REVIEWING THE ACTUAL PAPERWORK RATHER THAN
15 JUST THE QUESTIONNAIRE WE RECEIVED, WE ARE DETERMINING
16 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE ARE
17 CREATING NEW CATEGORIES BASED ON THAT INFORMATION THAT WE'RE
18 FINDING IN THE ACTUAL FILES. AS WE CAN NOW REPORT THAT, AS OF
19 RIGHT NOW, ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SUSPECT KITS THAT ARE WITHIN
20 12 MONTHS OF REACHING THEIR RESPECTIVE TWO-YEAR OR 10-YEAR
21 STATUTORY LIMITS HAVE NOW BEEN SENT OUT FOR ANALYSIS. SO
22 NOTHING THAT'S COMING UP WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR HAS FAILED TO
23 HAVE BEEN SENT OUT IN THOSE TWO CATEGORIES. AS OF MAY 11TH, WE
24 HAVE SENT OUT 574 OF THESE SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS. AND BY THE END
25 OF THIS MONTH, WE EXPECT THAT WE WILL HAVE OVER 700 SENT OUT



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1 TO OUTSIDE LABS. WE HAVE ALSO SENT OUT A SECOND REQUEST LETTER
2 TO THOSE OUTSIDE AGENCIES, AS YOU SAW IN THE PREVIOUS PAGE. 54
3 PERCENT HAVE RESPONDED, OF KITS WE HAVE IN POSSESSION FROM
4 OUTSIDE AGENCIES. WE SENT A SECOND REQUEST LETTER IDENTIFYING
5 THOSE AGENCIES THAT HAVE YET TO RESPOND. WE HAVE ALSO ATTACHED
6 THE LIST OF CASES FOR EACH RESPECTIVE AGENCY, IN HOPES THAT
7 WE'LL GET A GREATER COMPLIANCE FROM THESE AGENCIES. UNTIL THAT
8 TIME, WE'RE PLACING THEIR KITS ON A LOWER PRIORITY LEVEL IN
9 HOPES THAT THAT WILL SPUR THEM TO RESPOND TO US, TO GIVE US
10 THE INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO ACCURATELY PRIORITIZE THOSE
11 CASES. WE ARE BEGINNING TO GET SOME TEST RESULTS BACK FROM
12 THOSE CASES THAT WE HAVE OUTSOURCED, THAT WE'VE SENT OUT. AND
13 SO FAR, WE HAVE 47 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. OF THOSE 47, 55 PERCENT
14 HAVE SCREENED POSITIVE FOR BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. 45 PERCENT
15 HAVE SCREENED NEGATIVE. OF THE POSITIVE SCREENS, WHICH IS 26,
16 11 ARE PENDING REVIEW OR REFERENCE SAMPLE ANALYSIS AND 15 ARE
17 INELIGIBLE FOR C.O.D.I.S. ENTRY, DUE TO INSUFFICIENT GENETIC
18 INFORMATION IN THE TEST. WHAT THAT MEANS IS WE HAVE YET TO GET
19 A C.O.D.I.S. HIT. WE HAVE YET TO DO A C.O.D.I.S. UPLOAD. WE
20 ARE VERY CLOSE TO DOING UPLOADS AND WE HOPE TO HAVE
21 INFORMATION COMING UP VERY SHORTLY NOW THAT THE RETURNS ARE
22 STARTING TO COME BACK. WE'VE BROKEN THESE CASES DOWN INTO TWO
23 GROUPS. AND ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE DID IS WE SET A TIMELINE OF
24 NOVEMBER 1ST. AS I WAS HERE IN OCTOBER AND CAME BACK IN
25 NOVEMBER, AND WE'RE CALLING ALL THOSE CASES THAT WERE IN



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1 STORAGE PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1ST AS OUR HISTORICAL QUEUE. AND
2 THAT'S WHAT THE NUMBERS THAT I'VE BEEN REPORTING BACK TO ON.
3 SINCE NOVEMBER 1ST, ALL THE KITS THAT HAVE BEEN COMING IN
4 WE'RE CALLING OUR CURRENT CASELOAD. WE NOW HAVE 280 OF THOSE
5 CASES UNTESTED THAT HAVE COME IN SINCE NOVEMBER 1ST. AND THOSE
6 ARE EITHER UNDERGOING OR AWAITING TESTING NOW. WE ALSO HAVE
7 110 SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS THAT WE HAVE SENT OUT TO THE STATE
8 BUREAU OF FORENSIC SERVICES FOR TESTING. AND WE ARE AWAITING
9 RESULTS ON THOSE, AS WELL. AND WE ARE STILL IN NEGOTIATION
10 WITH MARSHAL UNIVERSITY THROUGH THE N.I.J. TO HAVE THEM TAKE
11 UP TO 30 CASES A MONTH FOR US. AND THAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS
12 OF OUR SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT PROJECT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW I'VE HAD SOME COMMENTS FROM SOME
15 OF THE VARIOUS POLICE CHIEFS. ARE YOU KEEPING THE POLICE
16 CHIEFS ASSOCIATION IN THE LOOP ON ALL THESE KIND OF ISSUES?
17 BECAUSE THEY SEEM TO RAISE THEM FROM TIME TO TIME. WHAT'S THE
18 STATUS OF THAT?

19

20 **CMDR. EARL SHIELDS:** I HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THE L.A. COUNTY
21 POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND TALKED ABOUT THIS PERSONALLY. I
22 AM ALSO PART OF THE C.C.J.C.C. D.N.A. TASKFORCE SUBCOMMITTEE,
23 WHICH IS CO-CHAIRLED BY THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND CHIEF NEU OF
24 TORRANCE. AND WE HAVE DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES THERE, AS WELL.



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1 AND SO, YES, AND WE HAVE SENT THESE TWO LETTERS OUT ADVISING
2 THEM, AS WELL. SO THEY ARE IN THE LOOP ON THIS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WHAT ABOUT INDEPENDENT CITIES?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST A FOLLOW UP RELATED. ARE YOU IN THE--
7 ARE YOU DEVELOPING A PLAN TO NOTIFY THE WOMEN WHOSE TESTS--
8 WHOSE KITS YOU'RE TESTING, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE LAW?

9

10 **CMDR. EARL SHIELDS:** RIGHT. THE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS' BILL OF
11 RIGHTS?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

14

15 **CMDR. EARL SHIELDS:** I'LL LET SERGEANT SCOTT ADDRESS THAT. FROM
16 SPECIAL VICTIMS' UNIT.

17

18 **SGT. DAN SCOTT:** YES, SIR, WE ARE. WE HAVE DEVELOPED IN THE
19 SPECIAL VICTIMS' BUREAU A NEW TRACKING SYSTEM FOR OUR CASES.
20 AND IN THAT, IT DOES NOTIFY WHEN THE VICTIMS NEED TO BE
21 NOTIFIED. THAT IS DONE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THE LETTERS WILL
22 BE SENT OUT. THE DEPARTMENT'S FIELD OPERATION SUPPORT SERVICES
23 HAS NOW MADE THAT A PART OF THEIR ANNUAL INSPECTION OF EACH
24 SHERIFF'S STATION, WHERE THAT WILL BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY. AND
25 AS YOU KNOW, WE MENTIONED BEFORE THAT THE SHERIFF'S PLAN IS TO



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1 HAVE SPECIAL VICTIMS' BUREAU HANDLE ALL RAPES AND SEXUAL
2 ASSAULTS, INCLUDING ADULTS. AND WHEN ALL OF THAT HAPPENS, THAT
3 WILL FALL INTO THE DATABASE THAT WE JUST CURRENTLY
4 ESTABLISHED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ABOUT THE BACKLOG?

7

8 **SGT. DAN SCOTT:** AND WE'RE ALSO DOING THE BACKLOG, YES, SIR.
9 WE'RE GOING THROUGH ALL THE CASES AND LETTERS ARE BEING SENT
10 OUT. OUR CRIME ANALYST IS WORKING ON THAT. AND EVERY CASE
11 WHERE A LETTER SHOULD BE SENT OUT IS BEING SENT OUT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I JUST WOULD HOPE THAT THE WAY YOU
14 CONTACT THE VICTIMS IS THAT YOU'RE PUTTING A HIGH PRIORITY AND
15 FOCUS ON THE SENSITIVITY OF IT.

16

17 **SGT. DAN SCOTT:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT A GREETINGS LETTER. SELECTIVE
20 SERVICE SYSTEM. A LITTLE MORE SENSITIVE THAN THE DRAFT BOARD
21 USED TO BE WITH US. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. UNLESS THERE
22 ARE OTHER QUESTIONS, I WOULD ASK THAT THE NEXT REPORT YOU MAKE
23 TO THE BOARD WOULD BE-- PERSONALLY TO THE BOARD WOULD BE IN 90
24 DAYS BUT THAT YOU PROVIDE WRITTEN REPORTS EVERY 30 DAYS



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1 BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. IT WOULD SAVE YOU A COUPLE OF TUESDAYS.

2 IS THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?

3

4 **CMDR. EARL SHIELDS:** I AM HAVING DIFFICULTY HEARING.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT I'M SUGGESTING IS THAT FOR SUBSEQUENT
7 REPORTS, THAT YOU SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH WRITTEN REPORTS EVERY
8 30 DAYS. AND IN 90 DAYS WE SHOULD SCHEDULE THEM TO BE HERE
9 AGAIN FOR A VERBAL REPORT. AND IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS THAT
10 COME UP, WE CAN ALWAYS CALL YOU IN PRIOR TO THAT. BUT AT LEAST
11 I THINK YOU GUYS ARE MOVING ALONG. I WANT TO JUST KEEP THAT
12 MOMENTUM GOING. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S JUST A RECEIVE AND FILE? OKAY. WE
15 HAVE NOW PUBLIC COMMENTS. THERE'S A GROUP OF SEVERAL OF YOU
16 SIGNED UP IN REGARDS TO THE CITY ELECTION IN COMPTON. WE'LL
17 CALL YOU FORWARD. WILLIAM KEMP. JOYCE KELLY. PASTOR CHARLES
18 PATRICK.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE ANOTHER ITEM.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DO?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. HOLD ON.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARCIA MAYEDA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL
4 CONTROL?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS AN ITEM THAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S AN ITEM THAT'S COME TO THE ATTENTION
13 SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED. JUST INFORMATION. IT HAS COME
14 TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THERE'S A RECENT NEWS STORY ALLEGING A
15 CULTURE OF ABUSE AT THE L.A. COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERS. AND THERE
16 WAS FOOTAGE THAT I KNOW A COUPLE OF THE FOOTAGE WAS
17 APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS OLD AND SOME OF THE OTHER FOOTAGE WAS
18 THREE YEARS OLD. SO I'D LIKE, ONE, WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE
19 LAST SIX MONTHS AT THE SHELTER? TWO, WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THERE
20 ARE ALLEGATIONS OF EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT WITH ANIMALS WHEN THAT
21 ALLEGATION IS MADE? AND HOW IS MANAGEMENT MADE AWARE OF AN
22 ABUSE THAT MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE BY AN EMPLOYEE AT THE SHELTER?

23

24 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS,
25 IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION OF TWO CASES OF ANIMAL



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1 MISHANDLING BY STAFF. AND THE DEPARTMENT INITIATED AN
2 INVESTIGATION INTO BOTH OF THOSE CASES. THE INVESTIGATION HAS
3 JUST BEEN COMPLETED ON BOTH OF THEM AND IT WILL BE BROUGHT
4 FORWARD TO MY ATTENTION FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION. I HAVEN'T SEEN
5 THE FINAL RESULTS YET. THESE INCIDENCES, WHEN THEY ARE BROUGHT
6 TO OUR ATTENTION, IT'S OFTEN DONE BY OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO SEE
7 AN EMPLOYEE, WITNESS SOMETHING OR PERFORM SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
8 AND OUR OTHER EMPLOYEES ARE VERY OFFENDED IF THEY SEE A CO-
9 WORKER MISHANDLING AN ANIMAL AND THEY REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY.
10 AND WE DO HAVE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT FOUR OF OUR SHELTERS
11 THAT WE CAN GO BACK AND VERIFY AND REVIEW AND SEE IF THIS
12 MISCONDUCT ACTUALLY HAPPENED. AND THEN WE USE THAT TO CONDUCT
13 AN INVESTIGATION AND FOLLOW UP DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

14
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND WHAT HAVE WE DONE? BECAUSE I KNOW
16 WE HAD A MOTION MANY MONTHS AGO ABOUT UPGRADING, IMPROVING THE
17 ANIMAL WELFARE AT THE SHELTERS. WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING
18 APPROXIMATELY IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS?

19
20 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** WELL IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING
21 VERY HARD ON MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SEVENTH ANIMAL SHELTER
22 THAT WILL BE BUILT IN THE EAST ANTELOPE VALLEY. THAT WILL HELP
23 REDUCE THE CROWDING AT OUR LANCASTER SHELTER RIGHT NOW. AS YOU
24 KNOW, THE POPULATION HAS GROWN TREMENDOUSLY IN THAT AREA, SO
25 WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. ALSO IN THE SHORT TERM WE WILL



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1 BE EXPANDING ANIMAL HOUSING AT THE LANCASTER ANIMAL SHELTER
2 WITH AN ADDITIONAL DOG BUILDING, A CAT BUILDING AND A HORSE
3 BARN. WE'RE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING THE CONSTRUCTION
4 PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THREE ADDITIONAL SPAY NEUTER
5 CLINICS THAT WILL BE AT THE BALDWIN PARK, CARSON AND LANCASTER
6 PARK SHELTERS. WE'VE ADDED I BELIEVE 26 NEW POSITIONS THIS
7 YEAR THAT WAS APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD. AND THEY'RE ALL ANIMAL
8 CARE TAKING POSITIONS, SIX OF WHICH ARE REGISTERED VETERINARY
9 TECHNICIANS. SO ALL OF THESE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO IMPROVING
10 ANIMAL CARE AT OUR SHELTERS. AND ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO
11 POINT OUT IS THAT WE HAVE OVER 20 LICENSED MEDICAL STAFF ON
12 DUTY AT OUR SHELTERS THAT ROUTINELY EVERY DAY PERFORM
13 TREATMENTS AND SURGERIES TO RESCUE AND REHABILITATE ANIMALS
14 THAT CAN BE SAVED AND PLACED INTO NEW HOMES. AND OUR NONPROFIT
15 ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION THAT RAISES MONEY TO SUPPORT THE
16 DEPARTMENT HAS THE DREAMS COME TRUE FUND THAT CONTRIBUTES UP
17 TO \$1,500 AN ANIMAL TO PERFORM SURGERIES AND ADDITIONAL
18 MEDICAL CARE THAT CAN THEN REHABILITATE THE ANIMAL AND MAKE IT
19 ADOPTABLE. WE'VE DONE A NUMBER OF OFFSITE ADOPTION EVENTS WITH
20 THE COUNTY. WE PARTNERED WITH OVER 100 RESCUE GROUPS TO HELP
21 ANIMALS FIND NEW HOMES. WE HAD A HUGE VOLUNTEER EVENT AT THE
22 LANCASTER SHELTER RECENTLY WITH OVER 150 VOLUNTEERS THAT CAME
23 ON A SUNDAY AND MADE TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SHELTER AS
24 FAR AS LANDSCAPING AND APPEARANCE AND NEW PRODUCTS TO CARE FOR
25 THE ANIMALS. AND WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS



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1 OF PEOPLE WHO REALLY WANT TO POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE
2 WELFARE OF THE ANIMALS AT THE SHELTERS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. COULD YOU MAKE A REPORT BACK TO THE
5 BOARD AS TO THE STATUS OF THOSE, THE RESULTS OF THE
6 INVESTIGATION ON THOSE TWO EMPLOYEES AND ANY TYPE OF
7 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS A RESULT OF
8 THAT?

9

10 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** SURE.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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14 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL GO TO
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. AS AGAIN MENTIONED, THERE WERE SEVERAL PEOPLE
20 SIGNED UP IN REGARDS TO COMPTON ELECTION. WILLIAM KEMP. JOYCE
21 KELLY. PASTOR CHARLES PATRICK. LYNN BOONE. AND GWEN PATRICK.
22 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE. THEY'RE HERE. GO AHEAD AND
23 IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY.

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1 **JOYCE KELLY:** GOOD MORNING. I AM JOYCE KELLY. I'M A RESIDENT OF
2 COMPTON. AND FIRST OFF, IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE. AND,
3 CHAIRMAN KNABE, I REMEMBER YOU AND APPRECIATE YOU WITH YOUR
4 GOOD DEEDS AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE STUDENTS AT CERRITOS
5 COLLEGE AND AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH. I BELIEVE ALL RESIDENTS,
6 INCLUDING THOSE IN THE CITY OF COMPTON, LIKE ALL OVER THE
7 COUNTRY, DESERVE RESPECT AND ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION FROM ITS
8 ELECTED LEADERS. I ALSO BELIEVE IN THE LAW OF THE LAND.
9 THEREFORE, I RESOLVE THAT THERE WAS A FRAUDULENT
10 REPRESENTATION OF THE USE OF THE 15TH AMENDMENT TO THE
11 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN REFERENCE TO THE APRIL
12 21ST PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. LET
13 ME STOP AND SAY THAT I WAS A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR IN THE CITY
14 OF COMPTON IN THIS ELECTION. I WISH TO PROVE THREE MORE
15 REASONS FOR MY DECISION OR BELIEF. I WANT TO SHOW THE
16 VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE VOTERS, ALSO. INFORMATION FOR
17 THE MEASURES ON THE BALLOT WERE IN ENGLISH-ONLY. AND, THIRD,
18 THE UNRELIABLE REPRESENTATION, I'M SORRY, REPUTATION OF THE
19 CITY CLERK. FIRST, THE CITY CLERK HAS BEEN IN THAT POSITION IN
20 THAT OFFICE FOR 27 YEARS. SHE WAS APPOINTED BY THE FORMER CITY
21 CLERK CHARLES DAVIS. AND I BELIEVE SHE VIOLATED THE CIVIL
22 RIGHTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF COMPTON BY TAKING A SAMPLE BALLOT
23 AND NOT INCLUDING IN IT A 17-PAGE DOCUMENT WHICH WAS AN
24 EXHIBIT TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE CHARTER SAID AND WHAT THE
25 INFORMATION WAS ON THE SAMPLE BALLOT. LATER, POSTCARDS WERE



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1 SENT OUT TO THE RESIDENTS. BUT IT WAS A WEEK PRIOR TO THE
2 ELECTION. AND THEN THERE WERE PHONE CALLS AND PAPERS LAID OUT.
3 BUT IN THAT SAMPLE BALLOT, IT ALSO STATED THAT REGISTRATION OF
4 VOTING NOTICES FORMS, INSTRUCTIONS, ASSISTANCE OR OTHER
5 INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ELECTORAL PROCESS INCLUDING
6 BALLOTS SHOULD BE IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE MINORITY. AND THE
7 MINORITY IN COMPTON IS A MAJORITY, IS SPANISH SPEAKING PEOPLE.
8 IT FURTHER STATES THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW ARE
9 STRAIGHTFORWARD, THAT ALL CITIZENS WILL HAVE AN EFFECTIVE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER, TO LEARN THE DETAILS OF THE ELECTION
11 AND CAST A FREE AND EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE BALLOT. I'VE
12 HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT I'VE GIVEN TO YOU.
13 FURTHER ON, THIS INFORMATION, THE CITY CLERK PRINTED WAS IN
14 SPANISH AND IN ENGLISH, BUT THE ACTUAL VOTING BALLOTS WERE IN
15 ENGLISH ONLY. SECONDLY, ON MEASURE L, WHICH HAD 7 LINE ITEMS
16 ON IT, LESS THAN 25 PEOPLE IN A POPULATION OF ALMOST 100,000
17 AND 38,000 VOTERS RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION. IT WAS DELIVERED
18 TO A PUBLIC MEETING BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. MEASURE L ADDRESSED
19 SEVERAL--

20
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WRAP IT UP. EACH
22 SPEAKER HAS THREE MINUTES. THIRD, GODWIN, THE CITY CLERK
23 CHARGED DIFFERENT AMOUNTS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE. IN FACT, LYNN
24 BOONE IS HERE. AND SHE COULD TELL THAT FOR \$1,500 STATEMENT ON
25 A SAMPLE BALLOT, SHE WAS ONLY CHARGED 500. I WANTED TO RECEIVE



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1 ONE AND I'VE SHOWN WITH DOCUMENTS IN THAT PACKAGE WHERE THERE
2 WERE RECEIPTS THAT COINCIDE TO WHERE SHE TALKED TO ME AND
3 TALKED TO LYNN BOONE LATER. BUT I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE IT INTO
4 CONSIDERATION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

7

8 **JOYCE WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

11

12 **GWEN PATRICK:** GOOD MORNING TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND OF
13 COURSE THE REST OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS
14 GWENDOLYN PATRICK, RESIDENT OF COMPTON, CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU
15 SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS DISTINGUISHED
16 BOARD. I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF COMPTON.
17 MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED TO COMPTON IN 1978. I WAS RECENTLY A
18 CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL IN OUR CITY. MY PURPOSE THIS
19 AFTERNOON IS TO REPRESENT THE CONCERNS OF OUR VOTERS ON VOTING
20 DAY APRIL 21ST THAT REVEALED OBVIOUS ELECTION FLAWS. IN YOUR
21 PACKET AND ENVELOPE, YOU'LL FIND A GENERAL LIST OF ITEMS THAT
22 PRESENT 23 RECURRING COMPLAINTS MADE FROM OUR VOTERS IN
23 COMPTON AS EXHIBIT 1. ON MAY 1ST, THE ITEMS OR RATHER THE
24 PRESS WAS INVITED TO COME AND HEAR COMMUNITY CONCERNS OF
25 OBVIOUS FLAWS IN THE ELECTION PROCESS. A COPY OF THE COMPTON



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1 BULLETIN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, "PRACTICES ON ELECTION DAY CALLED
2 INTO QUESTION," IS ALSO IN YOUR PACKET LABELED AS EXHIBIT 2.
3 ONE RECURRING CONCERN WAS THE USE OF COLORED MARKERS TO MARK
4 THE BALLOTS, NAMELY BLACK, GREEN AND SOMEONE SAID EVEN ORANGE.
5 SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED ME. SEE EMAIL FROM MR. AND MRS.
6 GRIFFIN, WHICH EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN THAT THIS WAS SO
7 DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER TIMES WE VOTED, THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE
8 ALLOWED TO VOTE AGAIN. THAT WOULD BE EXHIBIT 3 IN YOUR PACKET.
9 THE FLIPPANT RESPONSE OF OUR CITY CLERK, ACCORDING TO THE
10 STORY IN THE BULLETIN, WAS "IF THEY USED ANYTHING ELSE, THAN
11 BLACK MARKERS, IT'S BECAUSE THEY BROUGHT IT IN." THE GRIFFINS
12 AND OTHERS SENT THIS EMAIL IN OUT RAGE TO WHAT WAS A DIRECT
13 CONTRADICTION TO THE TRUTH AS THEY EXPERIENCED. THIS IS WELL-
14 RESPECTED LEADERS IN THEIR CHURCH AND WERE OFFENDED THAT HAD
15 THE CITY CLERK WOULD MAINTAIN THIS ALTITUDE WITHOUT ANY REGARD
16 FOR THEIR EXPERIENCE. OTHER VOTERS WERE REDIRECTED FROM THEIR
17 USUAL POLLING PLACE TO ANOTHER UNFAMILIAR ONE. AND THEY DID
18 NOT RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT INDICATING THAT THERE HAD BEEN A
19 CHANGE. THEY WERE NOT DIRECTED TO CONTACT THE ELECTION
20 OFFICIAL THEN AND THERE, ACCORDING TO THE VOTERS' RIGHTS
21 STATED IN 14105 K OF THE ELECTION CODE. INSTEAD THEY LEFT THE
22 POLLING PLACE, DISGUSTED WITH THE PROCESS, WITHOUT KNOWING
23 THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THEIR RIGHT TO MAKE A
24 PHONE CALL THEN AND THERE TO THE ELECTION OFFICIAL. AND THAT'S
25 EXHIBIT 4. TOO MANY OF OUR FOREFATHERS AND MOTHERS HAVE FOUGHT



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1 AND DIED FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE. THIS IS A PROUD AND EVEN
2 SACRED PRIVILEGE FOR MANY OF OUR VOTERS IN COMPTON WHO HAVE
3 EVEN WALKED WITH DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. WE MUST BE READY AND
4 WILLING TO STAND UP AND DEFEND THAT RIGHT, EVEN IF IT MEANS
5 BEING UNPOPULAR WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE RIGHTS OF ALL
6 PEOPLE SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY A CLEAN VOTING PROCESS. I PRAY
7 THAT THIS BOARD WILL HEAR THESE CONCERNS AND ACT SWIFTLY TO
8 ASSURE YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN COMPTON THAT THEIR BEST INTERESTS
9 ARE IN YOUR HEART. GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
10 TIME.

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12 **PASTOR CHARLES PATRICK:** MY NAME IS CHARLES M. PATRICK, PASTOR
13 OF SENAGO CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. MY WIFE AND
14 I HAVE ALSO A NONPROFIT FRAGMENT HOUSE MISSION INTERNATIONAL
15 WHICH IS A 501 C3 PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION. WE USED THIS TO
16 START SEVERAL CHARTER SCHOOLS. I AM HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS
17 CONCERN ABOUT A SERIOUS FLAW DURING THE LAST ELECTION FOR THE
18 CITY OF COMPTON OVER THE COUNCIL SEATS. MANY LATINO VOTERS
19 DISPLAYED ANGER, UNBELIEF THAT THE BALLOTS WERE PRINTED IN
20 ENGLISH ONLY. THERE WAS NOT ONE-- THERE WAS NO ONE AT THE
21 POLLS THAT WERE ABLE TO INTERPRET FOR THEM WHAT THE BALLOT WAS
22 SAYING SO THAT THEY WERE TOLD THAT WHAT THEY SHOULD DO IS CALL
23 THE CITY OF COMPTON, WHICH THEY DID. AND A FEW DID CALL AND
24 WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT SOMEONE HAD TO TELL THEM WHAT EACH
25 THING MEANT. SO THAT THEREFORE THEY LEFT THE POLLS IN



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1 FRUSTRATION. ALSO, THE BENNETT POLL CLOSED AT 6:00 O'CLOCK
2 P.M. AND AT LEAST 12 PEOPLE WERE TURNED AWAY AND HAD NO OTHER
3 PLACES TO GO TO VOTE. SOMEONE WILL SPEAK TO THIS AREA LATER.
4 ERIC GREEN, A SENIOR POLICY ADVISER WITH THE A.C.L.U. SAID THE
5 FACT THAT THE BALLOTS WERE PRINTED ONLY IN ENGLISH IS A DIRECT
6 VIOLATION OF A FEDERAL HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT. AND THIS ALSO
7 WAS FOUND IN THE COMPTON BULLETIN MAY 6TH, 2009 EDITION. WE'RE
8 BELIEVING AND HOPING THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THIS AND
9 SEE THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF VIOLATIONS ON THIS. WE HAVE ABOUT
10 23 DIFFERENT THINGS THAT WERE VIOLATED. AND SO WE ARE JUST
11 CONCERNED THAT SOMEONE WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE THIS AND HAVE A
12 RECOUNT OR REVOTE ON THIS. THANK YOU.

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14 **LYNN BOONE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LYNN BOONE. I LIVE IN THE CITY
15 OF COMPTON. I ALSO RAN FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR. FROM THE VERY
16 BEGINNING WHEN I REGISTERED ON THE 29TH OF DECEMBER, 2008, IT
17 HAD BEEN AN ONGOING CONFLICT OF INTEREST. OUR CITY CLERK,
18 ALITA GODWIN, WAS A CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR THE ELECTION. AND
19 SHE OVERSAW THE ELECTION FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. ACTUALLY
20 COUNTING THE VOTES TO THE END. TO ME, THAT WAS DEFINITELY A
21 CONFLICT OF INTEREST. ON JANUARY THE 26TH, THE LAST FILING
22 DATE, SHE REFUSED TO CERTIFY ME WITH NO EXPLANATION. I HAD TO
23 ADDRESS AN ELECTION ATTORNEY, AND MY RESPONSE IS IN THAT
24 FOLDER. AND THE LETTER THAT SHE GRACIOUSLY GAVE ME, SO I COULD
25 RUN IN THE ELECTION IS SO VAGUE AND IT'S JUST LIKE A SLAP IN



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1 THE FACE. THERE WERE SIGNS THAT WERE POSTED ON TELEPHONE
2 POLES, IN THE MEDIANS AND ON BUILDINGS. SOME MONIES WERE USED
3 FROM THE CITY TO PURCHASE THESE POSTERS OR THESE PICTURES OF
4 THE INCUMBENT THAT WERE PLACED ON BUILDINGS. AND WE HAVE
5 COPIES OF THAT. WE KNOW THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE CITY FUNDS
6 AS FAR AS AN ELECTION. I HAVE SEVERAL AFFIDAVITS FROM
7 INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CITY OF COMPTON WHERE THEY STATED THAT "WE
8 HAD TWO DIFFERENT BALLOTS." " I WAS UNAWARE OF TWO DIFFERENT
9 BALLOTS WHEN I WENT TO VOTE." "WHEN I WENT TO VOTE, MY BALLOTS
10 HAD ALL THE CANDIDATES' NAMES ON ONE SIDE AND THE MEASURES AT
11 THE BOTTOM." OTHER RESIDENTS THAT WENT TO VOTE HAD THE
12 CANDIDATES' NAMES ON ONE SIDE AND MEASURES ON THE BACK. AND
13 THEY WERE NEVER TOLD TO TURN IT OVER. BUT HAD THEY TURNED IT
14 OVER TO VOTE, THE MARKER THAT WAS GIVEN TO US BLED THROUGH
15 FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER. SO IT WAS REALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO
16 VOTE FOR THE MEASURE, ANYWAY, IF IT WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE.
17 WHEN THE CITY EMPLOYEES WERE ACTUALLY COUNTING THE BALLOTS AND
18 IT WAS TELEVISED, THERE WAS SO MUCH INK ON THEIR HANDS AND ON
19 THE TABLES THAT THEY HAD TO STOP THE COUNTING TO ACTUALLY SEE
20 IF THE BALLOTS COULD DRY. AND IT HAD TAKEN TWO WEEKS BEFORE WE
21 EVEN GOT A TEMPORARY, JUST ANY TYPE OF ELECTION TOTAL. I'M
22 JUST ASKING THAT YOU WOULD PLEASE ADDRESS THIS, BECAUSE RIGHT
23 NOW OUR CITIZENS ARE FEELING THAT COMPTON, THEY DO WHATEVER
24 THEY WANT TO DO. AND PRETTY MUCH THEY DO. AND WE DON'T HAVE
25 ANYONE THAT SEEMS LIKE THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THAT WILL ASSIST



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1 US. WE HAD THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT HELD CANDIDATES' FORUM.
2 AND THEY WERE THREATENED BY THE MAYOR IF THEY WERE TO ENDORSE
3 ANY CANDIDATE. WE HAD A CANDIDATES' FORUM THAT WAS CONDUCTED
4 THROUGH THE CITY. EACH ELECTION IS ALWAYS TELEVISED. THIS
5 YEAR, THE MAYOR PULLED IT. HE WOULD NOT LET IT BE TELEVISED.
6 AND WE HAVE SENIORS, A LOT OF SENIORS THAT ARE UNABLE TO WALK
7 AND MOVE AROUND. AND THEY USED THIS AS A UTILIZATION TO
8 DETERMINE WHO THEY'RE GOING TO VOTE FOR. I WANT TO THANK YOU
9 VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND PATIENCE.

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11 **WILLIAM KEMP:** YES, SIR. FIRST I'D LIKE TO SAY GOOD EVENING TO
12 MY COUNTY SUPERVISOR MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND TO ALL OTHER COUNTY
13 SUPERVISORS THAT ARE HERE. MY NAME IS WILLIAM KEMP. I
14 EXPRESSED SOME CONCERNS EARLY IN THIS ELECTION. I BELIEVE THAT
15 THIS ELECTION IN COMPTON WAS FLAWED FROM THE BEGINNING. AND
16 THE REASON WHY I SAY THAT IS IS THAT THEY APPOINTED THE
17 MAYOR'S FRIEND WITHIN 180 DAYS OF AN ELECTION. NOW, COMPTON IS
18 A CHARTERED CITY. SO WE HAVE A CHARTER. AND SECTION 505 OF THE
19 COMPTON CITY CHARTER SAYS "IN CASE OF A VACANCY, THEY SHALL
20 APPOINT SOMEONE." BUT IT DOESN'T SPEAK TO A TIME FRAME.
21 SECTION 10703 OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ELECTION CODE SAYS THAT
22 YOU CANNOT APPOINT SOMEONE WITHIN 180 DAYS OF A GENERAL
23 ELECTION. SO WHAT I'M SAYING HERE TODAY TO YOU ALL IS, IS
24 WHERE THE CHARTER IS SILENT, THE ELECTION CODE PREVAILS. SINCE
25 COMPTON DOESN'T SPEAK TO A TIME FRAME, THEN WE HAVE TO GO BY



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1 THE TIME FRAME OF THE STATE ELECTION CODE. NOW, IN 1991, WE
2 HAD A MAYOR WALTER TUCKER, SR. HE PASSED AWAY IN OCTOBER. HIS
3 SON, WALTER TUCKER, JR., WHO WAS ALSO A DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN
4 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WANTED TO BECOME MAYOR, AND MOST
5 PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT HE WAS THE DEFINITE CHOICE. BUT HE HIMSELF
6 COULDN'T APPOINT HIMSELF WITHIN 180 DAYS. THAT'S WHAT THE
7 STATE TOLD HIM. SO HE HAD TO GO TO A SPECIAL ELECTION IN 1991
8 AGAINST PAT MOORE WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT PAT MOORE. BUT
9 EVEN HIMSELF HAD TO FACE AN ELECTION WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT. I
10 BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THIS, THIS ELECTION WAS FLAWED FROM THE
11 BEGINNING. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YES, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR. I'VE HEARD
16 THE TESTIMONY AND I WISH TO HAVE IT NOTED THAT I AM PAYING
17 CLOSE ATTENTION TO IT AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY MY SENIOR ADVISER
18 AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT, VINCENT HARRIS WILL SPEAK WITH ALL OF
19 YOU UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING TIME TO COME
22 DOWN.

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24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DOMINGO FERMIN, RICHARD ROBINSON AND
2 DENISE DRINKARD.

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4 **DOMINGO FERMIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THE
5 SUBJECT I GOING TO BRING TO YOU IS VERY DANGEROUS. THE
6 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES IS A TIME BOMB.
7 THE PARENTS HAVE BEEN VICTIM OF INCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT
8 AND THE KIDS HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF MENTAL ABUSE BY THE SOCIAL
9 WORKER, BY SOME SOCIAL WORKER AND SOME SOCIAL WORKER
10 SUPERVISORS. WHEN YOU FACE A PROBLEM AND THE CHILDREN AND
11 FAMILY SERVICES, FOR YOU TO SEE ONE OF THE HIGHEST SUPERVISORS
12 IS VERY DIFFICULT. THE RED TAPE IS SO GREAT, IT IS LIKE YOU
13 GOING TO SEE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. TAKING ME
14 FOUR HOURS ONE DAY, THREE HOURS THE NEXT DAY TO SEE ONE OF THE
15 SUPERVISORS. I CONTACT MR. ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE-- SEE ONE
16 SUPERVISOR. MY PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED BUT IS MORE DIFFICULT
17 RIGHT NOW BECAUSE NOW I GET HARASSMENT, HARASSED BY THE SOCIAL
18 WORKER AND BY THE SOCIAL WORKER SUPERVISOR. YOU HAVE A PROBLEM
19 IN YOUR HANDS. YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS. BUT THE
20 ONLY WAY YOU ARE GOING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THAT PROBLEM IS
21 IF YOU PULL THE THERAPISTS AND THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY
22 SERVICES USE BECAUSE THEY AFRAID TO TALK BECAUSE A COUPLE OF
23 THERAPISTS TELL ME IF WE TALK, THEY DON'T GOING TO SEND
24 CLIENTS TO US. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY TO YOU. BUT TAKE A
25 VERY GOOD LOOK AT THIS ONE. BECAUSE IF SOMEBODY GOING THERE



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1 AND START TO MAKE A PROBLEM OVER THERE, IT IS BECAUSE THEY
2 PUSH AROUND BY THE SOCIAL WORKER OFFICE. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT
5 IS WILLING TO TALK TO YOU IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE. THIS GENTLEMAN
6 RIGHT BACK HERE. RIGHT BACK THERE. WAVE YOUR HAND. THERE YOU
7 GO. MR. ROBINSON?

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9 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON.
10 NETWORKING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, ANCILLARY MY COMMUNITY
11 OUTREACH PROGRAM AT 1730 NORTH LABRAYA. THE 7-STAR MOTEL AT
12 HOLLYWOOD AND LABRAYA, IT'S ABOUT A BLOCK UP FROM THAT
13 INTERSECTION ON YUCCA. MR. U., LET ME PREFACE BY SAYING THAT
14 MR. U., THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY THAT HE OWNS, PARDON THE
15 ATTEMPT AT CLARITY HERE, THE FUMBLING ATTEMPT AT CLARITY, BUT
16 MR. U. HAS A SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES. HE'S TAIWANESE. HE'S GOING
17 TO HELP ME BUY. I'M FORMING A BUSINESS INVESTMENT GROUP, I
18 CALL IT SIMPLY BIG. WHAT I'M HOPING TO DO IS TO BRING A CORE
19 OF BUSINESS PEOPLE OF SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCE INTO THE PROCESS OF
20 BUYING THE BUILDING. HOWEVER, I'M ADDRESSING YOU BECAUSE IT'S
21 A MATTER WHICH IS THE GREATEST URGENCY FOR THE OWNER OF MY
22 RESIDENCE. MR. U. IS A HERO. HE AND HIS FAMILY, HE CAME HERE
23 WITH THE EXPECTATION OF BEING ABLE TO BECOME AN AMERICAN. HE
24 UNFORTUNATELY HAD TO START OUT BY BUYING A MOTEL WHICH HAS A
25 HISTORY OF DOPE DEALING AND PROSTITUTION, FOR YEARS. OVER THE



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1 YEARS, IT'S BECOME KAFKAESQUE. HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE
2 THREATENED, EMPLOYEES WHO WORK FOR HIM ARE THREATENED. I NEED
3 YOUR HELP BECAUSE THIS SPIRITED, HEROIC, NOBLE, DILIGENT,
4 HONEST PERSON IS MAGNIFICENT REALLY NEEDS TO FEEL THAT THE
5 PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CAN HELP
6 THIS LITTLE GUY FROM-- ESSENTIALLY LITTLE GUY FROM TAIWAN WHO
7 HAS RESOURCES BUT IS BEING BESIEGED EVEN BY THE WRONG HEADED
8 THINKING OF SOME POLICE OFFICERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO UTILIZE
9 THAT MOTEL AS A METHOD TO CONTROL THE DRUG DEALING IN THAT
10 AREA. HORSE FEATHERS, IT DOESN'T WORK. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IF YOU'D READ US INTO CLOSED
13 SESSION.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
16 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
17 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-5,
18 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION.
19 ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
20 INITIATION OF LEGAL, ONE CASE. AND ITEM C.S.-4, PUBLIC
21 EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
22 POSITION OF LEAD ATTORNEY, CHILDREN'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
23 UNIT, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE
24 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE ON
25 TUESDAY, MAY 26TH AT 2 P.M. THANK YOU.



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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MAY 19, 2009

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5 In Open Session, item CS-1 was continued two weeks to June 2,
6 2009 and item CS-2 was continued one week to May 26, 2009.

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8 No reportable action was taken on items CS-3 or CS-4.

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10 CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

11 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Ovando v.
12 County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court No. BC
13 237276

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15 This case arises from allegations of legal malpractice by a
16 Deputy Public Defender. (09-1096)

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18 ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized settlement of the lawsuits
19 titled Ovando v. County of Los Angeles. The substance of the
20 settlements will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as
21 soon as the settlements becomes final following approval by
22 all parties.

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24 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
25 present.



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